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Commissioner Carla Peterman
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Dear Commissioner Peterman:

I am writing to urge you to support continued funding for propane vehicle incentives through the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVT Program). This program has helped Renzenberger reduce emissions, lower our dependence on foreign oil and save money through lower fuel costs by replacing 10 Ford E-350 passenger vans to run on propane autogas in San Bernardino.

The program is also a major contributing factor for Renzenberger's continued adoption of propane autogas, as we are in the process of purchasing 50 more propane autogas powered vehicles for deployment in southern California next year.

Renzenberger, Inc. transports the nation's class one railroad crew members throughout the United States. We are located in Lenexa, Kansas. Currently we have over 30 vehicles that run on propane autogas, and we are looking to implement more in the following years. Our goal is to convert the entire Southern California basin. Our average vehicle travels approximately 60,000 miles annually. By switching to propane as a primary fuel source for our vehicles, we are dramatically reducing our dependence on the use of foreign oil. Our hope is that other fleets that are large consumers of foreign oil will follow in our footsteps.

Through the ARFVT Program, Renzenberger has already taken steps to help improve air quality in San Bernardino, and will bring air quality improvement efforts to more southern California cities next year. Propane autogas reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 24 percent, nitrogen oxide emissions by 20 percent, and carbon monoxide emissions by 60 percent when compared to gasoline. The emissions reductions are even more significant when compared to diesel.

The ARFVT Program also helped make a difference in the economic justification for the switch to this cleaner, domestically produced fuel. With the incentive, our company was able to see a positive return on our investment by switching to propane autogas. In the current economic climate, this makes a big difference, and could be the difference between continuing to purchase propane autogas powered vehicles or not.

Commissioner Peterman, while no single alternative fuel can completely displace conventional fuels in the short term, propane autogas offers Californians significant environmental and economic benefits. Please continue funding propane vehicle incentives through the ARFVT Program, and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at twurdack@renzenberger.com.

Sincerely,
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