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Charles Smith
California Energy Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Mr. Smith:

We've recently learned that the California Energy Commission (CEC) is considering a significant funding modification for propane vehicle incentives in the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program's 2014 budget. We respectfully request that you keep the \$1.8 million originally allocated.


ROUSH CleanTech is a leading provider of dedicated liquid propane autogas fuel systems. All of our vehicles are EPA and CARB-certified. We are an active member and financial contributor to CALSTART. Along with producing innovative automotive products and clean technological advancements, our products support national and state priorities by reducing vehicle emissions and dependence on foreign oil.

We have seen tremendous growth and momentum in this alternative fuel usage. DIRECTV, Renzenberger and Roadrunner Shuttle are just a few of the companies that own and operate economical and environmentally friendly propane autogas vehicles in California. The cities of Riverside, Sacramento and Santa Monica have lowered their fuel costs and reduced their carbon footprint by operating on reliable and American-made propane autogas. Renzenberger eliminated nearly 400,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions this year alone. And Roadrunner has saved 37,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions annually for each of their 19 clean fuel vehicles. For years Los Angeles Public Schools has met air quality requirements and reduced emissions by fueling school buses with propane autogas.

California's Assembly Bill No. 118 states that the CEC is instructed to "develop and deploy innovative fuel and vehicle technologies that will help achieve California's petroleum reduction, air quality and climate change goals without adopting or advocating any one preferred fuel or technology." Please continue to support the use of this clean and reliable alternative fuel by keeping the original funding allocation. Any decision to reallocate these funds will severely reduce the sale of clean, safe propane autogas vehicles in your great state.

Thank you for both your consideration of this request and for all your work with the CEC.

Sincerely,



Joseph Thompson
President