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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Stan Saylor 

DATE: February 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) Legislation

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation which will require a portion of the financial resources in the Clean Air Fund, to be utilized for the provision of grants for natural gas vehicles (NGVs). The purpose of the Clean Air Fund is to reduce air pollution and natural gas vehicles are a great means of achieving that goal. When compared to gasoline, NGV's reduce carbon monoxide emissions by 90 percent, nitrogen oxides by 50 percent and virtually eliminate particulate matter.

As gas prices continue to rise, natural gas prices continue to decline. Therefore, this program will lower the cost of doing business in Pennsylvania as well as clean up our air. Additionally, much of the natural gas vehicle and refueling station industry is here in Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth is home to Knox-Western, an Erie company which builds compressors, Eco-Friendly in Gibsonia, which builds fueling stations; Baker Equipment in Pottstown, which retrofits vehicles; LNG Energy Solutions in Canonsburg, which is a liquefied natural gas provider; and the list goes on.

This legislation will move us away from our dependency on foreign oil, stimulate the economy, and clean up our environment. The need for a national energy policy has never been so prevalent. Join me in defining that policy and making Pennsylvania its keystone.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please email Cheryl Walker at cwalker@pahousegop.com or Jean Dougherty at jdougher@pahousegop.com or call 783-6426.