



Natural Gas Vehicles for America

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NGVAmerica praises House Blue Dog Coalitions Endorsement of NAT GAS Act

WASHINGTON, D.C. May 3, 2011 NGVAmerica released the following statement today concerning the House Blue Dog Coalition's formal endorsement of H.R. 1380, the New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions (NAT GAS) Act of 2011. The Blue Dog Coalition is an influential, moderate bloc of Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives. There are 25 members of the Blue Dog Coalition in the 112th Congress.

NGVAmerica and all of its members in the natural gas vehicle industry are extremely proud that this group of influential Democrats has given its full support to the passage of the NAT GAS Act of 2011. In these tough economic times, these members have shown real leadership in recognizing the role that natural gas can – and must -- play as a transportation fuel in this country. Natural gas is the only alternative fuel that can power all classes of vehicles -- from passenger cars to big rigs-- and passage of this legislation will ensure more jobs, a stronger economy and much greater energy security for this country.

We congratulate U.S. Rep. Dan Boren, D-OK, who serves as the Blue Dog whip, for his leadership and for his continuing support for growing the market for natural gas vehicles. We understand that the coalition rarely endorses legislation, so this endorsement is particularly significant.

The NAT GAS Act of 2011 as of today has 179 co-sponsors. The bill provides incentives to grow the market for natural gas as a transportation fuel, including: a vehicle tax credit for anyone who purchases a natural gas vehicle to help offset the incremental cost; a 50-cent fuel tax credit to the seller of natural gas as a transportation fuel; tax incentives to help build the fueling infrastructure; and incentives to vehicle manufacturers to produce natural gas vehicles. The incentives would be in place for five years. The bill was introduced in April.

With the average price of gasoline and diesel climbing, the time is right to support domestically produced natural gas for transportation.

NGVAmerica is a national organization dedicated to the development of a growing, sustainable and profitable market for vehicles powered by natural gas or biomethane. NGVAmerica represents more than 120 companies interested in the use of natural gas and biomethane as transportation fuels, including: engine, vehicle and equipment manufacturers; fleet operators and service providers; natural gas companies; and environmental groups and government organizations.

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