

# Cosponsor H.R. 3488 - The Clean Cities Program Authorization Act

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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to ask for your support of the "Clean Cities" program which helps clean the air and reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil. Please show your support and join us as a cosponsor of the Clean Cities Program Authorization Act.

The U.S. Department of Energy established the Clean Cities program as a requirement of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. However, the program has never been authorized by Congress, which inhibits the DOE's execution of the funding for its true intent. We are proposing legislation that would authorize the Clean Cities Program for 5 years.

In 1993, the Clean Cities program began as a public/private partnership based on the concept that federal support can empower local citizens and organizations to become the leaders of a national movement for change.

Clean Cities is now DOE's flagship transportation deployment program and has blossomed into a national network of nearly 90 coalitions and local partnerships. These coalitions encompass three quarters of the U.S. population, with stakeholders from local businesses, city/state governments, the transportation industry, community organizations and fuel providers. In the past 10 years, Clean Cities only provided \$43 million in competitive grant funds which were leveraged into another \$214 million in matching funds. The coalitions stretched these dollars even further to obtain an additional \$845 million since 1993 so that over \$1 billion was leveraged overall.

Clean Cities has reduced petroleum use by more than 2 billion gallons, placed 500,000 alternative fuel vehicles on the road, established alternative fuel infrastructure in thousands of strategic urban and rural locations and moved alternative fuel and advanced technology vehicles into the mainstream.

The clean fuels and technologies deployed under the Clean Cities grants are the fuels of the future. Their use will benefit both urban non-attainment areas across the country as well as

communities in the farm belt. However, until market demand alone can support the necessary economies of scale, government investment in the Clean Cities program will remain critical to meeting the well-established national policy objectives of energy security and a cleaner environment.

To become a cosponsor of legislation authorizing Clean Cities, please contact either Tricia Russell of Congressman Israel's office at [tricia.russell@mail.house.gov](mailto:tricia.russell@mail.house.gov) or 5-3335, or Andria Hoffman of Congressman Kirk's office at [Andria.hoffman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Andria.hoffman@mail.house.gov) or 5-4835.

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