



Natural Gas Vehicles for America

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## MEDIA RELEASE

Advocating the increasing use of NGVs where they benefit most.  
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Statement by Richard Kolodziej, President of NGV America, on the U.S. Conference of Mayors' resolution calling on the federal government to support and expand the use of natural gas vehicles.

We are extremely encouraged that the U.S. Conference of Mayors has recognized the important role that natural gas vehicles play both in improving air quality and moving this country off its dependence on foreign oil. This week at their annual meeting, the mayors unanimously passed a resolution calling for specific actions the country should take, including support for the New Alternatives to Give Americans Solutions (NAT GAS) Act (H.R. 1835 and S. 1408). This important legislation, which has more than 150 supporters in the House and the Senate, will enable more Americans to switch to cleaner burning natural gas for their vehicles. The mayors also supported more federally funded research and development demonstration projects, which will accelerate the opportunities to use more natural gas vehicles. We hope that Congress listens to the mayors.

The resolution states:

### **AMERICA'S CLEAN, DOMESTIC, AND AFFORDABLE URBAN TRANSPORTATION SOLUTION**

WHEREAS, according to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), the transportation sector accounts for 69 percent of United States oil consumption; and

WHEREAS, natural gas is cleaner and cheaper than gasoline and diesel; and

WHEREAS, 98 percent of natural gas consumed in the United States is produced in North America; and

WHEREAS, recent shale discoveries and technology developments are increasing the American supply of natural gas, creating more than 100 years of supply abundance ; and

WHEREAS, natural gas vehicles utilization is growing exponentially in Europe, South America, and in other global markets; and

WHEREAS, passage of current federal natural gas vehicle legislation would stimulate market expansion, economic growth, and support the buying and using natural gas vehicles over a short time period so that national economies of scale will develop. Furthermore, legislation should be focused on the high fuel-use and high pollution vehicle fleets such as trash trucks, transit buses, semi-trucks, school buses, urban delivery and distribution vehicles, and shuttle buses;

WHEREAS, the diversification of transportation fuel sources would help the United States meet rapidly growing domestic and global energy demands, reduce the United States' dependency on oil imported from foreign countries, stabilize the cost and availability of energy in America, safeguard the economy and security of the United States, and facilitate the future growth of hydrogen vehicle transportation foundation by building out natural gas fueling corridors across our country,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopts as its policy on Climate Protection, Energy Independence and the Energy Block Grant called for by the mayors in the National Metro Agenda for America to urge the President and Congress to accelerate the following leadership policy initiatives:

- Enact the New Alternative to Give Americans Solutions (NAT GAS) Act (S. 1408, H.R. 1835) or relevant provisions within other federal legislation
- Enact The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users Act's (Pub. L. No. 109-59, § 11113) provision that provides a tax credit of 50-cent per gasoline-gallon-equivalent of CNG or liquid gallon of LNG for the sale of CNG and LNG for use as a motor vehicle fuel.