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To whom it may concern,

I have been a long time user of CNG vehicles here in Utah. I was one of the first proponents of CNG here in Utah and currently own three alternative vehicles that I and my family use daily. I bought these vehicles with the incentives of being more environmentally friendly, paying a reduced price of fuel, access to the HOV lanes, and tax credit.

Since the laws concerning the clean air license plates have changed as well as the clean air credit, the incentives that I have remaining to continue to use these vehicles are limited to paying a reduced price for fuel and being environmentally friendly. Since you are attempting to change the price of the fuel and considering the hassle of finding a station versus going to a regular station, there is little incentive for me to be friendly to our environment here.

The vehicles that are readily available as alternative fuel have never been great, high quality vehicles and if I'm not going to have these incentives to drive them, I won't. Simply stated, I will trade them for nicer, more luxurious vehicles that will provide me more comforts in my endeavors. I am sure that I am not alone in this.

Utah had the opportunity to be a world leader in alternative fuels and change the climate issues that we have here. Increasing the price of the CNG available to Utah residents will completely undermine this. I know I will abandon my obsession with this technology as will others around me. Similar to foolish decisions to abandon cheap alternative means of mass transportation in other major cities decades ago, this will in effect be the final blow to the hope for a better means of transportation.

I would ask you to reconsider this immediately before we all lose hope in this technology. Once the new price structure goes into effect, all will be lost.

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