

To Whom It May Concern,

Earlier this year in an effort to do my part in reducing Utah's air quality problems and our dependence on foreign oil, I made a substantial investment in a Compressed Natural Gas vehicle to commute from Logan to Salt Lake City several times a week. In following Governor Huntsman's example, I purchased a vehicle that burns clean fuel from right here in Utah and Wyoming. It is my understanding that there are 1.6 million clean-burning CNG vehicles in the State of Utah.

I am deeply troubled by the Utah Public Service Commission's recent ruling that will strip away the cost incentives of purchasing alternative fuel vehicles at a time when Utah could be leading the nation in this alternative fuel challenge. Utah is currently the hotspot for CNG vehicles because of the lower fuel cost. Clean air is something that affects everyone in the State, and our leaders should be doing everything in their power to encourage people to use cleaner burning fuels, particularly those that are produced here locally and directly benefit our State's economy.

I am a Questar customer, as is most every person in the state that owns a CNG vehicle. Disallowing the use of the Wexpro based simply on the rationale that the natural gas is not limited to Questar customers doesn't make sense.

In closing, I urge you reconsider the ramifications of the recent ruling. For all of us who followed the Governor's example and did what is right to protect our air quality by purchasing a CNG vehicle, this has a major economic impact. CNG vehicles are more expensive than gasoline vehicles, so the cheaper fuel costs help offset that financial burden. Please support our State's flourishing CNG market. It's cleaner, it's local, and we should be doing everything in our power to promote its use in vehicles.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Sherman

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