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**Subject:** Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Steven Affleck

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>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 1/14/2009 10:29 AM >>>  
Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 01/14/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/28/2009.

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Steven Affleck

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**SUBJECT:**

I purchased a beat-down 1999 Honda Civic in September 2007, before gas prices skyrocketed. I knew of the statewide initiative to reduce air pollutants, and since I commute daily from Sandy to Orem, I was happy to do my part. The lowered gas price and ability to be in the commuter lane made dealing with few available gas pumps and a 6-gallon tank (frequent fill-ups needed) more tolerable. The rate back then was \$0.63/gallon.

I was shocked to learn that CNG prices were on the rise with no input from your constituents. I thought the clean air act was your idea, or at least highly supported by you. I appreciate that you passed House Bills 106 & 103 last year.

If the rates are on the rise, I have no more incentive to drive my ghetto car, and I certainly don't want to spend \$26K+ on a new CNG to have the same 6-gallon tank and limited filling stations. It's just not worth it. I care about the environment, but if you and our state government don't care, why should I continue to deal with the inconveniences of CNG?

Adding to the effort to reduce emissions, we converted 2 fireplaces to natural gas this year.

I'm sure you're hearing from many about the 1.6 million vehicles in Utah contributing to the poor air quality. That number will continue to grow, and without incentives to use alternative fuels, the air quality will get worse over the coming years.

I believe you can continue to make a difference, Governor. Keep the incentives in place for your voters. Order UTA to replace noxious exhaust buses with CNG. Make Utah THE banner state when it comes to using our national resources, not depending so heavily on foreign oil. Make Utah THE banner state on air quality improvement initiatives. Help us help you in making a difference.

Thanks for listening (if you are).

--Steve Affleck