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SUBJECT:

I am writing about the latest natural gas increase. Not only is this a devastating blow to the hope of natural gas vehicles in Utah it is another blow to Utah's economy. The low price for natural gas fuel has allowed our family to spend money in other ways including more travel in the state of Utah. Because of the low fuel prices we have chosen to keep our vehicles in Utah where we can access low price natural gas fuel. If we have to go back to paying high fuel prices we will again be forced to stay home, and cut things from our budget like never before. For the sake of the economy alone this is not the time to start raising the price of natural gas fuels. People are converting to save money and by doing this it will save the economy.

It is a devastating move to the CNG vehicle industry in Utah. Those of us who have paid the extra thousands of dollars to convert our vehicles were only able to do it because of the low price for the gas. We have done it as an investment with the idea that it would eventually pay for itself in the lower gas bill. By raising the cost of natural gas, it is no longer worth the investment and will discourage any future growth of the natural gas industry in Utah. We have been willing to arrange our lives around a very poor infrastructure. Driving out of our way to fuel up, only to have the pumps not working. Making frequent stops because our tanks are much smaller than regular gas tanks. If our gas price is the same as regular gas it will no longer be worth the amount of time and energy we have sacrificed.

The air quality in the Salt Lake Valley is deadly, we need to convert as many vehicles to natural gas as possible, as governor it is your responsibility to ensure our state do all it can clean up our air and help our nation get off of foreign oil. Isn't this what you have promised us time and time again?

Please take a stand for the people of Utah who are sacrificing and doing their best to help make our state a cleaner state and our country a more self reliant country. Please speak for the people who are willing to do more, to try a little harder, to stand up for things that will make a difference. We feel that this price hike is telling us, we can't change, we can't make things better and if we try we will be punished. We know that this is not what you stand for, and we know that you have the courage to make a difference.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lori Brooksby