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Dear Governor Huntsman,

UTAH PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION

It is remarkable that you complain about the GOP's problems in getting behind climate change when you can't even take care of it in your own state. 600001

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You've allowed the PSC to pass a bill that pulls WEXPRO gas out of the equation when computing the cost of CNG for vehicles. It takes away the benefit of using cheap local natural gas that I paid for as a Questar ratepayer. It means that the price of CNG for vehicles will be subject to the wild swings of the spot market. You've sat back and allowed them to pass a tariff that will save rate payers what? Something like \$0.42 cents a year? And you've doubled the price of CNG at the pump - without improving infrastructure - by not allowing the cost of maintaining the CNG pumping stations to be spread over the entire rate base. That's silly. Each person out there benefits from the cleaner air created by the two 100% dedicated CNG cars I own. You've allowed them to tax CNG at the pump. (Which is just about as smart as taxing the internet when it was just getting off the ground.) I paid a road tax when I renewed the license plate on my Honda Civic GX and got a Clean Air plate a few months ago. Now I'm paying again by being taxed at the pump. Double taxation sound like a fair way to promote clean air? You've presided over bureaucrats that can't figure out how to stand up to the EPA - dramatically driving up the cost of converting existing vehicles and killing local innovation. The list goes on. It is just stupid.

Where is your political will? Where is your deep commitment to climate change?

Politico.com reported that you said the following: "It's been enormously frustrating," said Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, a Republican who recently signed up his state for the Western Climate Initiative, a bloc of states committed to reducing greenhouse gases 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2020.

"We would not need the Western Climate Initiative if it were not for the foot-dragging nature of Congress," Huntsman said. "If Republicans had identified this problem earlier and tackled it aggressively, we would all be working together."

You're frustrated? I, and hundreds if not thousands of other Utahans have spent thousands of dollars to follow your call to move to CNG fueling. We've dealt with the learning curve, the repairs, the mistakes, the lack of fueling stations, the lack of mechanics, the increase in number of times we needed to refuel, the problems with compressors being down, the low pressure refills. But we've been environmentally responsive. Now we've been hung out to dry by bureaucrats who don't seem to understand your directive to work together for clean air in Utah. I'm feeling pretty frustrated too.

I'd like to work to help you. But how can I help when every effort is stymied by the very group calling for change? Call me.

Sincerely, -Art Brothers,

