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SUBJECT:

Out of concern for our environment and the rising cost of fuel, I followed Governor Huntsman's example and bought a three Natural gas Vehicles to replace my gas only vehicles. Now I hear that the rate of natural gas is going to go up. I think it's time to look at replacing the Questar ratepayer subsidized alternative fuel with either taxpayer or motorist funded subsidies as we wean ourselves off imported petroleum. There are 1.6 million vehicles in Utah burning the stuff and it would be reasonable to consider what California has done in requiring the petroleum vehicle owners to pay a few bucks a year to fund this strategic initiative. State and local governments ought to be fueling with Utah fuel instead of feeding the big oil companies. Why, for example, isn't UTA ordering CNG buses for their fleet? Why is Jordan School District the only one with a significant CNG fleet? Kudos to Ogden City for ordering 10 CNG trash trucks and putting in a public-access station... why aren't more cities taking initiatives like this?
I know we all do better to save our state and save money for the tax payers of Utah.
I LOVE this state and want to leave a beautiful state for my children and grandchildren. Thanks you for the tax credits (House bill 106 last year)