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Here is another. JPO

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Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 01/05/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 1/19/2009.

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William David Schouten

**SUBJECT:**

I teach automotive technology at Dixie State College in St. George. We have done a lot here with the current CNG efforts going on in the state.

In the morning paper today I read about the intent to raise the cost of CNG, incrementally to a point where there will be NO INCENTIVE to drive a green CNG vehicle. I find this appalling and very cheap on the part of the Utah government. Residents of the state have recognized the opportunity to go green and pollute less and at the same time cut the cord this nation has to oil products and WHAM! You circumvent our honest endeavors! This is yet another example of a "government of the government, by the government and for the government"! It further shows that big business pretty much runs the government. "We the people" try to make inroads in the CNG movement and we get shut down. Just as the budding CNG industry gets started here, employing installers, CNG kit sales (pronounced "sales tax revenue")the state cuts this effort off at the knees. You can't be serious about the CNG tax increase! You may recall the automotive propane efforts of the late '80's and early '90's. That looked good until the government decided to increase the tax on propane. The reasons we had to use propane went away. The same thing will happen to the CNG movement if you go through with the SENSELESS CNG price increase. I am disgruntled and would like some dialogue on this subject (not just a canned form response). Bill Schouten