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The Honorable Pat Tiberi,
Chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures,
The Honorable Charles Boustany,
Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Mr. Chairmen, Members of the Subcommittees:

I contact you on behalf of **J.P. Noonan Transportation, Inc.**, located at 415 West Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379. J.P. Noonan is a hauler that owns a very large fleet of heavy-duty trucks. The natural gas transportation fuel model proven effective in California and other western states is a model they seek to duplicate.

There is an energy crisis in America and Congress must act now. Decreasing our nation's dependence on foreign oil is a critical national security goal. H.R. 1380, the "New Alternative Transportation to Give Americans Solutions" Act of 2011 (NAT GAS) provides a real solution to this vital problem of immediate concern.

The methods and goals of NAT GAS are practical, proven and will enable the nation-wide momentum that is needed to reduce our consumption of foreign oil. The environmental, energy-security and economic benefits to using natural gas as a transportation fuel - particularly, using LNG in high fuel-use fleet vehicles - are significant and real. Natural gas is an alternative transportation fuel that is domestically-available, cleaner-burning and more affordable and stable in pricing than petroleum-based fuels, particularly diesel. Replacing one diesel-fueled heavy-duty tractor with one fueled by LNG has the environmental equivalent of taking as many as 325 gasoline-fueled personal vehicles off of the road.

On March 30, 2011, President Obama spoke at Georgetown University regarding our nation's energy future. In his address, he encouraged fleets to switch to alternative fuels such as natural gas and praised fleets that have already done so. The benefits offered by natural gas as a transportation fuel are shared by the entire country. Cleaner air, self-sustainability and economic savings are collective goods that this Congress must work toward.

The NAT GAS Act offers a concise five-year plan targeted to the segment of the transportation industry that will display the most beneficial results from the legislation's objectives. This kick-start to the transportation industry will confirm and display that natural gas vehicle technology is here and now and that no major technical breakthroughs are needed. The emissions reductions and balance sheets numbers will show that natural gas is a clean and economically viable alternative transportation fuel that must be embraced and encouraged immediately. The benefits to this bill continue with its job creation facet. At a time when we critically need jobs in our

country, according to a study, over half a million jobs will be created by the passage of NAT GAS. Another reality to be felt on “Main Street” is that this bill would help lower the price of gasoline by reducing the demand.

In conclusion, on behalf of J.P. Noonan Transportation Inc. who realizes the undeniable, real multitude of benefits offered by natural gas as a transportation fuel, I urge Congress to pass the NAT GAS Act and help make American proud of your work on behalf of the future of all Americans.

Please contact me if I can provide any additional information on the above. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,
Deirdre Fox