

September 11, 2012

Honorable Charles Boustany
Honorable Dave Camp
Honorable Patrick Tiberi

Re: Joint Hearing on Energy Tax Policy and Tax Reform

Dear Congressmen,

I am writing on behalf of Cummins Westport Inc. to express support for the NAT GAS Act (H.R. 1380).

Cummins Westport is a major U.S. manufacturer of natural gas engines for commercial trucks and buses with manufacturing operations in North Carolina and New York. We believe natural gas powered vehicles have the potential to meaningfully lessen national energy security concerns by reducing fleets' dependence on foreign oil.

Expanded use of natural gas in the transportation sector will complement other domestic fuels to combat our nation's growing dependence on petroleum-based fuels sourced from overseas.

We support H.R. 1380 for its ability to provide a limited, five-year program that accelerates wider adoption of domestic and abundant natural gas as a transportation fuel. The NAT GAS Act will enable our fleet customers—ranging from small local and regional service providers to global fleets—to make the switch to natural gas that much faster.

As you are aware, H.R. 1380 will have a meaningful impact on the ability of truck fleets to purchase and operate natural gas powered vehicles. This support will result in new manufacturing jobs and bolster on-going efforts to rebuild our nation's economy.

We call upon all Members of Congress and the Administration to support passage of the NAT GAS Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roe East".

Roe East
President, Cummins Westport Inc.