

President Bush, you challenged America to reduce petroleum usage in 10 years through alternative fuels.

Natural gas – America's alternative fuel for transportation – is meeting your goal today.

President Bush in his State of the Union address called for increasing the use of renewable and non-petroleum alternative fuels to 35 billion gallons, and reducing U.S. transportation reliance on gasoline 20% by 2017. In addition, the White House issued an executive order calling upon federal agencies to take steps to annually increase their use of alternative fuels by 10%. We applaud the President for this leadership, and enthusiastically support these goals.

But we need to recognize natural gas as part of the solution.

Natural gas powered vehicles (NGVs) are the fastest growing alternative fuel vehicles around the world. In the United States, use of NGVs is also growing — especially in high-fuel-use urban vehicles, like transit buses, refuse trucks, school buses, delivery vehicles and taxis. They're also growing in use as clean commuter vehicles.

Here, NGVs are already displacing several hundred million gallons of petroleum per

year, and that number can increase rapidly. If there were a major focus on producing natural gas-like biomethane from landfills, sewage and animal waste, NGVs running on biomethane alone could displace 10 billion gallons of petroleum annually — almost a third of the President's goal.

Heavy-duty vehicles fueled by natural gas (CNG and LNG) reduce greenhouse gas emissions as much as 20% compared to diesel-fueled vehicles. Light-duty vehicles fueled by natural gas reduce those emissions even more compared to gasoline-fueled vehicles.

The simple fact is: Natural gas vehicles work — and work well.

Natural gas is cleaner, cheaper and an abundant domestic resource. Approximately 97% of the natural gas used in the United States comes from North America.

Natural gas can play a significant role in the long-term initiative to reduce petroleum usage in the United States.

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