

Written Comments to the House Energy and Environment Committee  
In Support of HR 6015  
March 14, 2013

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, the Kansas Petroleum Council appreciates the opportunity to submit a statement in support of HR6015, a resolution to encourage a Kansas study of compressed natural gas (CNG) as an alternative vehicle fuel.

I am Ken Peterson, director of the Council. We are a trade association whose membership includes companies with a long history of developing CNG and implementing pilot projects to test the viability of CNG as a vehicle fuel.

Technologies have advanced to the degree that CNG shows considerable promise as a vehicle fuel. Kansas, with significant natural gas production in the Hugoton Field, should be poised to be a leader in promoting an environmentally friendly, less expensive fuel.

Oklahoma has 28 CNG refueling stations in 24 cities. In comparison, Kansas has two, in Topeka and Overland Park. Most CNG sold goes to vehicle fleets in both states.

The study encouraged in HR6015 should provide the opportunity to move CNG into the state's energy mix, and hopefully reveal the benefits of jobs, tax revenues and savings from expanded use of a promising fuel for the future.

Thank you for your courtesy and attention.