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Steve:

Below are the comments from the Greater Houston Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance.

Thanks- Susan

VW Settlement Comments from Greater Houston Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance:

The Texas economy is driven by natural gas. Natural gas powers our homes, builds our schools, and funds our first responders. In 2016, \$13.6 billion flowed into the Texas economy through oil and gas revenues.

Natural gas provides a clean transportation fuel that is available TODAY. Natural Gas vehicles range from light duty pickups to heavy duty waste, transit, and long-haul trucks. More than 9,000 natural gas vehicles travel the Texas roads with public natural gas stations currently open for business from Amarillo to Beaumont and Midland to Longview to Laredo.

The Volkswagen Settlement funds will serve as a major catalyst for Texas. In a recent Greater Houston Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance membership survey, 46% of its members would like to see these funds spent across the State. Expanding funding to areas without TERP funds will only grow the natural gas vehicle market. Funding natural gas vehicles will fuel natural gas station development.

Additionally, the GHNGVA membership prioritized the follow three categories: Class 8 trucks, Class 4-7 trucks and School bus and transit fleets. These vehicles produce higher levels of emissions, and they are prime candidates for the proven natural gas vehicles that are available NOW. The near zero engines provide the cleanest and most energy efficient vehicles on the market today.

Finally, GHNGVA would like to see the VW Settlement funds to be used to fund the TERP Government Fleet Program. This past legislative session, this Program was included in the TERP bill, but however, no funding was allocated. VW Settlement funds can resolve this funding issue allowing the State to walk the talk.

Funding natural gas vehicles are not only a clean air benefit for Texas, it's a win for our Texas economy. The more natural gas that we use in our State results in more money that flows back into our economy, our schools, our first responders and our pocket books.

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