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Congress continues incentives for natural gas vehicles

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congress took an important step Thursday toward reducing America’s dependence on foreign oil by extending two key incentives for natural gas vehicles, says the president of Natural Gas Vehicles for America.

Legislation extending incentives for natural gas vehicles is included in the H.R. 4853 – the Middle Class Tax Relief Act of 2010. The legislation extends through 2011:

- the 50-cent per gallon tax credit for compressed and liquefied natural gas when used as a vehicle fuel. This tax credit, which expired at the end of 2009, is retroactive for 2010.
- the investment tax credit for alternative vehicle refueling property, including natural gas stations. This covers 30% of the cost or \$30,000, whichever is less. This credit also includes a \$1,000 tax credit for a home refueling unit.

“At a time of very tight budgets, the inclusion of these tax incentives demonstrates Congress’ commitment to a growing natural gas vehicle industry,” says Richard Kolodziej, president of NGV America. “Since natural gas vehicles reduce the use of foreign oil, reduce greenhouse gases and reduce air pollution, this legislation will help achieve all three of these national goals. And, importantly, this legislation will provide a significant boost to jobs throughout the natural gas vehicle field, not only in the production of natural gas but in the manufacture of the components that go into these vehicles, the manufacture of these vehicles, and the jobs that are created by building new natural gas stations.”

The natural gas vehicle tax credits, which expire at the end of the year, were not included in the legislation, but Kolodziej says the industry will work to reinstate them in the new Congress.

Since federal incentives were introduced in 2006, vehicular natural gas usage has increased 25 percent each year, displacing more than 320 million gallons of gasoline. With the continuation of these incentives, NGV America expects that rate to continue to grow.

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