



STATE OF ARKANSAS
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The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building, Suite 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The Honorable John Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governors Fallin and Hickenlooper:

Thank you for inviting me to join in the MOU to encourage U.S. auto manufacturers to develop functional and affordable natural gas fleet vehicles that will also meet public demand. When you originally approached me regarding the MOU, Arkansas state officials were in the midst of a review to determine how we could best approach a significant change in the ways state vehicles are fueled. A major portion of this review is focused on deciding how we can best accommodate the actual fueling of natural gas vehicles. As I'm sure you know, infrastructure is critical to any type of vehicle fueling, and we can't have natural gas vehicles without adequate fueling stations.

The Arkansas Energy Office, a division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, recently awarded grants to help fund two compressed natural gas fueling stations. These grants are in addition to the private and other public funds currently being devoted to natural gas infrastructure. Additionally, I believe we should not limit our efforts to compressed natural gas. Various entities are currently working on the expansion of liquefied natural gas. While this form of natural gas will predominately help the trucking industry, it will also provide numerous benefits to the auto and gas industries.

I urge you to add infrastructure and liquefied natural gas to your list of priorities in pursuing more opportunities for natural gas. As such, I am committed to the expansion of compressed natural gas, so with this letter, I authorize the inclusion of my signature and the Seal of the Great State of Arkansas to be included in this MOU. I have designated Marc Harrison of my staff to be the point of contact on this issue. He may be reached at marc.harrison@governor.arkansas.gov or 501-683-6393.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Beebe".
Mike Beebe

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