

United States Senate

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*THIS IS TO LET YOU KNOW
SENATOR KENNEDY IS ALSO
INTERESTED IN NATURAL GAS VEHICLES*

June 27, 1991

Mr. Paul Saia 8681865
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Dear Mr. Saia:

Thank you for sending me information on natural gas. I appreciate your taking the time to write me on this important issue. I reviewed the material and found it to be most interesting.

Compressed natural gas is promising both for its potential to ease our dependence on oil and to assist us in our fight for cleaner air. I am concerned that the current Administration's proposal for a national energy strategy does not recognize the need to promote energy efficiency and conservation measures. We must aggressively develop initiatives geared towards greater reliance on natural gas and renewable energy sources.

Our energy needs are great, and meeting them is critical. We must, however, remain aware of the environmental costs of our consumption. Scientists estimate that by the next century, the greenhouse effect could raise world temperatures dramatically and cause destructive changes in coastal areas around the world. While the most effective ways to combat the greenhouse effect are conservation and reforestation, natural gas's cleaner burning characteristics make it a favorable substitute for oil products.

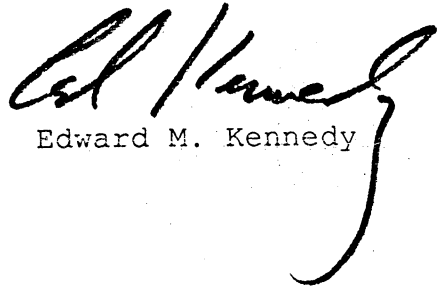
I have and will continue to support legislation which encourages responsible energy consumption. As yet, we have not sufficiently explored the potential of energy sources like natural gas. As the world's number one consumer of energy, the U.S. can and should assume a leadership position in the shift toward responsible energy use.

I encourage you to contact your local officials and the Department of Energy, if you choose to follow up on this matter, at:

Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585
(202) 586-5000

It is important that every American help to find effective solutions to our energy problems. I appreciate your concern and continued interest.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy

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Comm. from Paul Saia, 147 Amory Street,
transmitting for informational purposes
a communication received from Senator Edward
M. Kennedy regarding natural gas.

In City Council,

August 7, 1991

Placed on file