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Vote 'No' on Senator Menendez Amendment No. 1782, the "Nat Gas Act"

Natural gas is a competitive fuel right now and markets are responding with investment in building natural gas cars, light trucks, and heavy duty trucks and fleets are converting.

Government intervention is not needed. Senator Menendez's Amendment includes:

- Government payments for corporate truck fleets: \$64,000 per truck
- Government payments for corporate refueling properties: \$100,000
- Government payments for production of vehicles: up to \$200,000,000 each

The market is working and intervention by Congress is not needed.

- Honda is already offering its CRV in 37 states
- Peterbilt Motors is already road testing its CNG Tractor (trailer trucks)
- Cummins Westport will be in full production of CNG truck/tractors in early 2013
- Republic Service already has 826 vehicles operating on natural gas
- Chrysler will sell a Ram 2500 Heavy Duty pickup that runs on compressed natural gas starting in July
- General Motors will sell natural-gas versions of two pickups later this year
- Ford has offered natural-gas ready pickups and vans since 2009
- Carriers running on natural gas include: Ryder System Inc., United Parcel Service Inc. (UPS), Dillon Transport Inc., Owens Corning Inc., Mohawk Industries Inc., Dean Foods Co., and Staples Inc.

CNG (compressed natural gas) sells for about \$2.44 per gallon equivalent and the national average price of gasoline is \$3.74 per gallon, a minimum of a 35 percent cost advantage.

The NAT GAS Act picks winners and losers that jeopardize competitiveness and manufacturing jobs, and industrial users of natural gas are the losers.

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