JOE BARTON
6TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

2108 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-4306
(202) 225-2002

REPUBLICAN STEERING COMMITTEE
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

COMMITTEE ON
ENERGY AND COMMERCE
SUBCOMMITTEES:
CHAIRMAN, ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND THE INTERNET
HEALTH

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
SUBCOMMITTEE:
SPACE AND AERONAUTICS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–4306

June 2, 2003

Secretary Spencer Abraham
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: DOE's Private & Local Government Fleet Determination (Docket No. EE-RM-FCVT-03-001)

Dear Secretary Abraham:

This letter is to express support for the determination you have proposed in the above referenced proceeding.

As you may be aware, at a different point in the evolution of this issue, I had proposed legislation that is consistent with your determination. Section 402 of H.R. 4288 of the 104th Congress stated that: (1) a viable, sustainable market for natural gas and other low emission vehicles requires cooperative efforts by and among fleet operators and other users, fuel providers, and vehicle manufacturers; (2) government mandates requiring private sector fleet purchases do not support such cooperative efforts; (3) the low emission vehicle market should be based on voluntary, economically sound decisions; and (4) market-oriented incentives can provide an appropriate and effective means for developing a self-sustaining market for such vehicles and fuels.

I commend you on your work in this proceeding. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or have your staff contact our staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,

Joe Barton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality

ARLINGTON OFFICE:
6001 WEST I-20, SUITE 200
ARLINGTON, TX 76017
(817) 543-1000

Website: http://www.JoeBarton.house.gov

ENNIS OFFICE:
303 WEST ENNIS, SUITE 201
ENNIS, TX 75119-3943
(972) 878-9488

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER