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## GOVERNOR JINDAL SIGNS COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS LEGISLATION

Governor Bobby Jindal recently announced that he signed Louisiana House Bill 110, legislation that increases personal and corporate income tax credits for use of alternative fuel for motor vehicles, including the use of compressed natural gas (CNG.)

The legislation, authored by Louisiana State Representative Jane Smith (R-Bossier City) and led by Louisiana Senator Nick Gautreaux (D-Abbeville) in the Senate, will increase economic development and investment in Louisiana by encouraging companies to use a fuel source that is clean, abundant, affordable and American.

“Now with proper incentives in place, Louisiana retailers can offer CNG as an alternative fuel to consumers who take advantage of the ability to convert their car or truck or purchase a new vehicle,” said Smith.

The new legislation includes provisions to:

Increase the existing personal or corporate income **tax credit** from 20% to **50%** for purchase of qualified clean burning motor vehicle fuel property, including equipment installed on a motor vehicle and property directly related to the delivery of an alternative fuel.

Increase the existing personal or corporate income **tax credit** for the purchase of a motor vehicle with qualified clean burning motor vehicle fuel property installed by the manufacturer of such vehicle to 10% of the cost of the vehicle or \$3,000, whichever is less.

Establish the existing credit as a **refundable income tax credit** if no taxes are owed and notes that the tax credits are retroactive to January 1, 2009.

**Repeal provisions** under current law that prohibit a company or individual who qualifies for Louisiana’s Quality Jobs Program **from taking advantage of the existing income tax credits** for alternative fueled vehicles and equipment.

Gautreaux said, “With potentially the largest natural gas field in the United States, Louisiana is poised to support an energy policy that enhances our national security and promotes a cleaner environment in our country and state. Louisiana now has some of the most aggressive incentives in the country for both consumers and companies to use clean burning, truly American natural gas as transportation fuel.”

The legislation was broadly supported with 67 co-authors in the House and 23 co-authors in the Senate. Additionally, a total of 24 entities and organizations passed Resolutions supporting HB 110. They ranged from local governments, chambers of commerce, economic development organizations and environmental groups that represent literally thousands of Louisiana citizens interested in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and building our nation's energy security.

**Resolutions were passed by**

The Shreveport Branch of the NAACP  
Twin Valley Resource & Conservation District  
Louisiana Oil & Gas Association  
Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation  
Shreveport Chapter of the Associated General Contractors  
DeSoto Parish Police Jury  
Shreveport-Bossier African-American Chamber of Commerce  
Cyber Innovation Center  
Town of Stonewall  
Coushatta-Red River Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana Clean Tech  
DeSoto Parish Chamber of Commerce  
Bossier Parish Chamber of Commerce  
Shreveport-Bossier Realist Association  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Association  
City of Mansfield  
American Lung Association of the MidSouth  
Broadmoor Neighborhood Association  
Louisiana Recreation and Parks Association  
Sabine Parish Chamber of Commerce  
Ark-La-Tex Association of Professional Landmen  
United Way of Northwest Louisiana  
Building Owners and Managers Association  
Shreveport Chamber of Commerce

Jindal's signature enacting HB 110 into law provides leadership in Louisiana to support the country's transition of its transportation system away from carbon-heavy gasoline and diesel towards carbon-light natural gas.

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