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NOx Mobile Emissions

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I am writing to express my support for lower NOx fossil fuels for motorists along the Wasatch Front.

Mobile sources of emissions are the largest source of NOx emissions in this area, and it should be relatively easy to convert motorists from current fuels to low-NOx fuels. Unlike the transition to electric vehicles, for example, switching to low-NOx fossil fuels should be easier to implement for motorists and industry, alike. We can continue to use the same vehicles, the same fuel supply routes, and the same fueling stations, without disruption or major capital outlay. All we need to do is purchase a different fuel grade at the pump.

The Trump Administration's recent tax and regulatory cuts on both businesses and consumers alike should enable both constituencies to afford the extra costs of cleaner fuel. Consumers now have more money to spend, and businesses now have more capital to invest.

This is a unique opportunity for Republicans to demonstrate meaningful progress on Utah Air Quality, without having to acquiesce to Democratic Taxes and Regulations. Moreover, this kind of change will not damage the existing fossil fuel and automotive industries. In fact, it could be a new profit opportunity for them. This is a business-friendly request, not a destructive, left-wing assault.

Moreover, such a change would target, very directly, the largest single source of NOx in Utah. With a low-NOx fuel grade at the pumps, total NOx emissions could be cut by 25% - 50% with relatively little incremental cost and disruption to existing consumer and business behavior patterns.

With a friendly Republican Administration in Washington, now is the time to act on this. The de-regulation and tax cuts should enable us to implement meaningful changes like this without breaking budgets. Consistent with Republican philosophy, Washington is stepping out of the way, and now we are empowered to act at the State level.

The time to act is now.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Jonathan "Jono" Gal.

