



January 9, 2012

Congressman Ken Calvert  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2269 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Ken Calvert:

On behalf of Consumer Alliance for a Strong Economy (CASE), we strongly urge you to oppose H.R. 1380, a bill which would provide tax breaks for the production and purchase of natural gas vehicles.

Simply put, H.R. 1380 would allow the federal government to subsidize demand for natural gas – asking taxpayers to cough up billions on the front end and sacking consumers and business on the backend for an industry that is doing just fine on its own. As demand goes up, so will the price paid for natural gas, adversely impacting everyone from homeowners and consumers to business big and small.

We represent over 10,000 members – entrepreneurs, small business owners, farmers and consumers – who are concerned about public policy issues that impact their businesses, their lives and their future. CASE is unique because it is a true grassroots non-partisan organization formed by real people to make sure nation's economy is not harmed by decisions being made in our public officials.

CASE recognizes that bills such H.R. 1380 are likely to punish consumers, taxpayers, and small businesses alike. The bottom line resides in the fact that the energy industry must compete on its own merits without the aid of subsidies or hidden tax breaks. By leveling this new playing field, the market, not the government, will determine the winners and losers.

Please vote to oppose this bad public policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cristina Rivera".

Cristina Rivera  
Executive Director  
Consumer Alliance for a Strong Economy