



## Support a Balanced Energy Policy

Sign the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Letter

Dear Colleague:

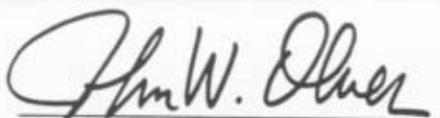
As the nation debates energy policy, we would like to invite you to join us in signing the attached letter to President Bush. The letter urges the President to include improved Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards in his national energy policy.

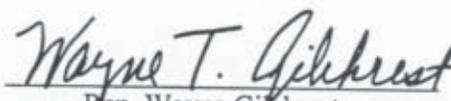
♦ **Fuel economy is an essential component of a national energy policy**, and the CAFE law is an appropriate vehicle to further a balanced policy. We simply cannot consider the supply side of the energy equation alone and still present the American people with a rational policy. Without providing consumers with improved technologies that reduce demand for finite supplies of fossil fuels, we are denying the public the opportunity to save money at the pump, while we simultaneously reduce the lifespan of finite oil and gas supplies. If we instead choose to raise the bar for fuel economy by improving CAFE standards, we will encourage technological improvements, bolster US competitiveness in the global markets, create jobs in the transportation sector, and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

♦ **Fuel conservation is exponential when sensible technologies are implemented in the production of cars and trucks.** Increased CAFE standards will lead to decreased fuel usage, which in turn will exponentially reduce the amount of exploration and refinement necessary to sustain consumers. We can save more oil by improving fuel economy standards than is economically recoverable from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, offshore California, and imports from the Persian Gulf combined. Cars and light trucks consume almost 40% of the total oil used in the U.S.—that's over 8 million barrels per day.

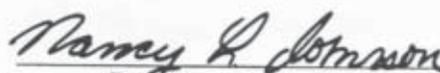
♦ **A similar version of this letter garnered 109 co-signers last year.** Please join us this year in urging the President to improve CAFE standards. These standards have stagnated for years. The time is right to move forward and finally give the American public the opportunity to benefit from improved standards. To join us in signing the attached letter, please contact us, or have your staff contact Peter Irvine in Rep. Olver's office (5-5335) or Sally McGee in Rep. Gilchrest's office (5-5311).

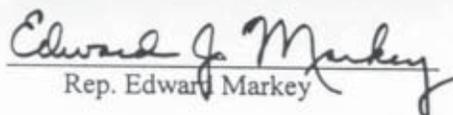
Sincerely,

  
Rep. John W. Olver

  
Rep. Wayne Gilchrest

  
Rep. Jay Inslee

  
Rep. Nancy Johnson

  
Rep. Edward Markey

  
Rep. Sherwood Boehlert