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Propane Association Supports the Streamline Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversions Act

(WASHINGTON, DC) – The National Propane Gas Association applauds the introduction of the *Streamline Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversions Act* (S. 1809) by Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS) and James Inhofe (R-OK), companion legislation to H.R. 3431 introduced by Representatives Dan Boren (R-OK) and Heath Shuler (D-NC). This legislation seeks to simplify and streamline the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emissions certification process for aftermarket fuel conversion systems.

“NPGA is very pleased with the introduction of this legislation. Simplifying and streamlining the processes used by the EPA to certify propane vehicle conversions will dramatically spur this important new market segment and lead to job growth in the clean energy sector,” said Richard Roldan, President and CEO of the National Propane Gas Association. “Furthermore, the technology to convert vehicles to cleaner-burning propane exists today, as do thousands of propane refueling stations nationwide. Propane vehicle conversions can have an immediate impact in reducing emissions. We look forward to working with the sponsors to achieve enactment as soon as possible.”

The *Streamline Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversions Act* addresses the need to overhaul the EPA emission certification process which effectively prohibits legally converting a car to a bi-fuel operation. Bi-fuel operation allows a car to switch back and forth from either gasoline or alternative fuel such as propane or natural gas.

“The propane industry has been working for years to get more propane vehicles on the road, to utilize a domestic fuel source, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector,” said Joe Cordill, Chairman of the National Propane Gas Association. “This is the kind of commonsense legislation that should get us there.”

The National Propane Gas Association is the national trade association of the propane industry. NPGA represents approximately 3,100 companies, including producers, wholesalers, transporters, and retailers of propane gas as well as the manufacturers and distributors of associated propane equipment and appliances. 50 million Americans choose propane as their energy source. Propane is a clean-burning, efficient and climate-friendly alternative fuel that is available now. For more information about NPGA and the propane gas industry, visit NPGA on the Internet at www.npga.org.

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