



HTUF™ hybrid truck users forum

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The Honorable Sander Levin
House of Representatives
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Levin:

The purpose of our letter is to enthusiastically endorse H.R. 3367, your legislation to extend and enhance the Heavy Duty Hybrid Tax Credit which is due to expire on December 31, 2009. Enactment of your truck fleet tax incentive legislation would invigorate the commercialization of hybrid technologies, reduce emissions and consumption of foreign oil while insuring the leadership position of domestic technologies in the emerging Heavy Duty Hybrid market

H.R. 3367 would provide a tax credit to truck-using fleets for the purchase of vehicles that weigh more than 8,500 lbs. and demonstrate substantial fuel economy improvements. Fleet owners would be eligible for these tax incentives that would decrease the incremental cost of hybrid trucks by doubling the current tax credit and creating new incentives for hybrid technology use in refuse trucks, line haul trucks and heavy plug in hybrid vehicles

This is a critical time for the hybrid truck technology industry. Growing demand for hybrid trucks has been hampered by high purchase prices, due to the currently low production volumes of hybrid systems. These high prices continue to be a barrier for adoption by struggling fleet owners. Your legislation provides incentives that will spark heavy hybrid sales by reducing the incremental cost of these more-efficient vehicles. Further, the tax assistance will help kick-start production volumes from today's roughly 1,300 vehicles to 10,000 vehicles over the next 5 years – volumes that will help decrease the incremental cost of these systems toward industry targets.

If we are serious about climate change, we must invest in technologies that help the transportation sector increase its fuel efficiency. Recent reports confirm that manufacturers in the United States lead the world in the development of hybrid trucks and truck components, but competition is growing. This investment would help solidify U.S. leadership in hybrid truck technology and expedite the commercialization of cleaner trucks that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, reduce the threat of global warming, and improve air quality. Your effort to extend and enhance the Heavy Duty



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Hybrid Tax Credit will provide the investment necessary to help retain and create quality and high tech jobs in a sector that is struggling due to our national financial crisis, and speed these exciting new American technologies onto the road.

Sincerely,

Manufacturers, Suppliers and Fleet Users

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