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Chairman Hedke and members of the committee,

My name is Mick Urban and I am the manager of Government Relations for Kansas Gas Service. We appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of House Resolution 6015. Kansas Gas Service is a subsidiary of ONEOK, Inc. and is the largest natural gas distribution company in Kansas, providing clean, reliable natural gas to more than 630,000 customers in 342 communities.

Kansas Gas Service supports House Resolution 6015.

We believe H.R. 6015 begins an important discussion about an alternative transportation fuel, compressed natural gas (CNG), which delivers value and choice to consumers.

Natural gas is produced domestically in growing abundance. As a transportation fuel this would lessen the country's reliance on foreign imports.

Compressed natural gas is less expensive, on a per-gallon basis, than gasoline or diesel fuel and therefore will save its users money.

Compressed natural gas emits fewer harmful vehicle emissions and less particulate matter than gasoline or diesel and is therefore an environmentally clean alternative.

Finally, a move toward the use of compressed natural gas will bring the opportunity to attract capital investment and new jobs to Kansas. This industry is growing and neighboring states, like Oklahoma and Colorado, already have programs to support this low cost, clean alternative for their citizens and businesses.

Thank you and we would stand for questions.

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