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## **Sen. Williams Files Legislation Creating Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Corridor**

### ***Corridor Proposed to Reduce Emissions, Boost Economy and Advance Energy Independence***

**AUSTIN** ~ Texas Sen. Tommy Williams (R–The Woodlands) recently filed legislation to reduce polluting emissions on Texas highways, stimulate the state’s clean energy industry, and advance energy independence through the development of a natural gas corridor. The proposed corridor, called the Texas Clean Transportation Triangle (TCTT), addresses the growing air quality concern in the Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio triangle area. Approximately 10 percent of the nation's transportation sector travels the triangle each year.

“Converting one waste truck from diesel to natural gas is the equivalent of removing as many as 325 cars from the road,” said Sen. Williams. “Texas is the nation’s leading natural gas producer so creating the Texas Clean Transportation Triangle makes good business sense. In addition to reducing pollution, natural gas vehicles (NGV's) will generate more clean energy jobs, facilitate economic growth, and move us closer to energy independence.”

Under the proposed legislation, heavy-duty fleet vehicles converting to natural gas would be eligible for rebates based on their emission reductions. The bill also supports the development of more than a dozen new natural gas refueling stations within the TCTT.

Natural gas vehicle (NGV) conversions produce 25 percent less CO2 per vehicle mile traveled than gasoline. On average, natural gas costs one-third less than diesel and conventional gasoline.

*Senator Williams represents Senate District 4 covering all or portions of Jefferson, Orange, Chambers, Liberty, Harris and Montgomery Counties. Williams serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and as a member of the Finance, State Affairs, International Relations & Trade Committees and the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.*

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