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**Written Testimony Regarding H3085 and S1824 before the MA Transportation Committee**

This testimony is submitted by Joseph U. Rose, President of the Propane Gas Association of New England on behalf of our 147 Massachusetts member companies and their employees.

The propane industry supports in concept the use of HOV lanes by alternate fueled vehicles and would propose that language contained in H3085 and S1824 be adopted to include all alternative fueled vehicles, consistent with Chap. 169 of 2008, "An Act Relative to Green Communities", which does not single out electric cars.

Every alternate fuel has a place in helping lessen our dependence on foreign oil and cleaning up our environment. As Stakeholders in the MA Clean Cities Coalition and at propane Autogas events we regularly promote the use of alternative fuel vehicles.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the City of Boston and the Boston School Department have converted many vehicles and buses to run on clean burning American Propane! In addition Knights Airport Limousine of Worcester has converted most of its vans to run on propane. Many propane companies in Massachusetts use propane vehicles and I drive propane powered vehicle and have since 2010. This vehicle uses American propane fuel and is cleaner by far than gasoline, and propane is not considered a greenhouse gas. Propane is a win for Massachusetts being clean burning and affordable in addition to American produced.

The use of the HOV lanes by alternative fueled vehicles is a no cost incentive that will definitely encourage commuters to purchase alternatively fueled vehicles.

We strongly urge passage of H3085 and S1824 allowing **all** alternative fueled vehicles access to the HOV lanes.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rose", written over a horizontal line.

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