

Smithtown, NY—At one of the East Coast's largest public access clean natural gas fueling stations, Congressman Steve Israel (NY02) joined the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition, leaders from the Town of Smithtown and business executives to showcase the utilization of Long Island-originated clean energy technology on town vehicles and announced the inclusion of \$15.8 million for the Clean Cities Grant program in the House Energy and Water Spending Bill. The Clean Cities Program has helped fund several clean energy initiatives on Long Island, including the Smithtown clean natural gas fueling station, a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) cutaway style bus for the Town of Hempstead, a PHEV flatbed truck for Keyspan and a PHEV transit bus for LIPA. These vehicles were on display at the expo, and participants were shuttled to the expo by a clean natural gas bus.

"Reducing our dependence on foreign oil and positioning Long Island as an advanced energy corridor are among my top priorities in Congress," said Congressman Israel. "I joined the Appropriations Committee to lead the fight to increase our investments in alternative energy and reduce the cost of power at home. That's why I fought to increase funding for the Clean Cities program by over \$6.3 million to \$15.8 million in 2008. This program has enabled numerous Long Island towns to purchase vehicles that utilize home-grown clean energy technology. This bolsters both our national energy independence and our regional economy."

"In Smithtown, we're doing our part to replace vehicles that run on petroleum with ones that use clean burning natural gas," said Smithtown Town Supervisor Patrick Vecchio. "We're pleased that Congressman Israel and the federal government have recommended \$15.8 million so that more towns on Long Island and across the nation can reduce gasoline consumption and promote fuel savings."

"We are pleased to be an integral portion of the solution of Congressman Israel's top priority to transform our nation's energy policy," said Ronald J. Gulmi, Chairman of Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition (GLICCC). "Congratulations and much appreciation go to Congressman Israel and the leadership and dedication he has displayed through his advocating for a successful increase of approximately \$6.3 million in the national Clean Cities budget. His support is unwavering and GLICCC stands ready to continue to be an integral part of the energy security solution in the transportation sector."

"Thanks to the work of the Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition (GLICCC) and Congressman Israel's support, Odyne has been successful in delivering several different types of plug in electric hybrid vehicle battery systems and has proven effective in reducing emissions on existing vehicles," says Roger M. Slotkin, Chairman and CEO of Odyne, a the Hauppauge-based developer of plug-in hybrid electric trucks and buses technology. "We expect to continue securing funding for additional local projects to expand our technology use and participate in the greening of Long Island fleets."

The mission of the Clean Cities Program is to advance the nation's economic, environmental and energy security by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption. Clean Cities carries out this mission through a network of

more than 80 volunteer coalitions, which develop public/private partnerships to promote alternative fuels and vehicles, fuel blends, fuel economy, hybrid vehicles, and idle reduction.

The Greater Long Island Clean Cities Coalition, one of the 80 volunteer coalitions that benefits from the Clean Cities funding, has grown to 159 stakeholder companies, which translates to 308 actual members. These numbers represent most of the towns in the Nassau/Suffolk Ozone non-attainment area, universities, utility companies, refuse companies, private industry and both counties.

As a Member of the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman Israel worked to increase funding for the Clean Cities program to \$15.8 million for Fiscal Year 2008. This represents an increase of \$6.3 million above President Bush's budget request of \$9.5 million.

Some notable projects displayed at Tuesday's expo included:

Hybrid vehicles:

- Town of Hempstead - Plug-in Hybrid Electric Refuse Truck
- LIPA - Plug-in Hybrid Electric Transit Bus
- KeySpan - Plug-in Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Hybrid Rack Truck

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles:

- Long Beach City School District - Two Dedicated Natural Gas School Buses
- MTA Long Island Bus - One dedicated Natural Gas Transit Bus
- KeySpan Energy Delivery - Dedicated Natural Gas Dump Truck, Dedicated Honda Civic GX
- Manhattan Beer Distributors - Dedicated Natural Gas Delivery Truck
- NYS DOT - Bi-fuel Natural Gas Dump Truck, Dedicated Pickup Truck
- Town of Smithtown - Two Dedicated Natural Gas Refuse Trucks
- Town of Brookhaven - Dedicated Pickup Truck

Electric vehicles:

- Motorworks Clean Vehicles - one neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV)
- Vogelbilt Corporation - one electric motorcycle

Ethanol vehicles:

- Town of Islip - Police/Fire Rescue Tahoe SUV
- Town of Islip - GMC Yukon SUV

BioDiesel vehicles:

- Town of Brookhaven - Bucket/Utility Vehicle operates on biodiesel
- Vogelbilt Corporation - one Biodiesel Tanker Truck (provides biodiesel fuel to other vehicles)