

Support for AT&T's Fleet Commitment

"The size of AT&T's commitment will be a market driver to ramp up infrastructure for the manufacture, distribution, sales, maintenance, and fueling of alternative-energy vehicles. This is a giant step down the road towards America's independence from imported oil."

-- Center for American Progress CEO John Podesta

"AT&T's commitment to building a clean energy fleet sends a powerful and effective signal about the future of energy and transportation. These are exactly the kinds of market-creating investments that are needed to make the shift to a clean energy future that is more economically and environmentally sustainable. The steps announced today make very clear that sustainable business is more important than ever in getting our economy back on track. The commitment AT&T announced is an example of the very leadership we need to create a 21st century energy and transportation system."

-- Business for Social Responsibility President and CEO Aron Cramer

"If we become an energy-efficient nation, the benefits to our economy, environment, and our energy security will be tremendous. Vehicular gas consumption is one of the biggest components of our national energy use and one of the best places to find savings. By using energy efficient and clean-fueled vehicles on a large scale, as AT&T is doing, businesses can lead the way in advancing us down the road to a sustainable energy future."

-- Alliance to Save Energy President Kateri Callahan

"AT&T has one of the largest private fleets in the country. Chairman Randall Stephenson's announcement that the company will begin converting a sizable portion of their fleet to cleaner, domestic energy sources is extremely important. This action will serve as a prototype to businesses, governments and even the military that it is not only possible, but desirable to move away from imported diesel and gasoline vehicles."

"Those of us in the environmental movement have been making the case that going Green is a net economic plus, not an economic minus. The jobs which will be saved or created by building and maintaining these cleaner vehicles will have a real and immediate impact on the communities where this work is being done."

-- Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

"The Latino community-the same as other communities of color-have been adversely impacted by climate change and the current downturn of the economy. It is critical that we all do our part to not only reduce carbon emissions, but save and create jobs in new and creative ways that bring labor, private industry and public resources to the table. AT&T's commitment to creating an alternative-fuel vehicle fleet is a prime example of how that can be done. We commend AT&T for buying vehicles produced by American workers. It's a win-win for all of us."

-- Labor Council on Latin American Advancement Executive Director

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