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The Honorable Dick Lugar
United States Senate
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The Honorable Tom Harkin
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Dear Senators Lugar and Harkin:

Thank you for your recent letter discussing the importance of flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs). Nissan advocates and invests in a variety of fuel saving technologies, including FFVs, and agrees that E85 could play a key role in the U.S. energy strategy.

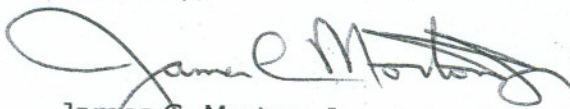
Currently, Nissan produces the Titan full size pick up truck FFV and has plans to expand the FFV application to the Armada sport utility vehicle in model year 2007. In addition, Nissan invests in other fuel-saving technologies, including Continuously Variable Transmissions (CVT), Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEV), and Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCV) technology. The sale of Altima HEVs will start early in 2007, and Nissan plans to increase the use of the CVT in its model lines.

The sale of alternative fuel vehicles is determined by market demands and the availability of refueling infrastructure. Before more FFVs can be efficiently run on E85 throughout the U.S., more investment is required to increase the number of available E85 stations. Currently, only approximately 600 are available, and mainly in the mid-west. For the FFV technology to be practical for most consumers, many additional fueling stations are required. Nissan will continue to invest in these important technologies, and will advocate these technologies as much as consumer demand permits.

Nissan is proud of its efforts to produce fuel efficient vehicles. We continue to invest in fuel-saving technology, and expect that investment to increase in the years to come.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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