

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's Remarks at the Coca Cola Alternative Fuel Vehicle Unveiling at Distribution Facility in Downtown Los Angeles

"It's a pleasure to be here to personally congratulate Coca-Cola Refreshments on its addition of new electric and hybrid vehicles to its fleet of over 740 Alternative Fuel Trucks.

I believe this is the largest hybrid fleet in North America.

I am extremely pleased that 40 percent of the new Alternative Fuel Vehicles will be added to the California-based fleet.

Coca Cola is a model for how American businesses can be good stewards of our environment while at the same time having an edge on the competition in our 21st century economy.

Today's unveiling is another example of how Coca Cola is a good corporate neighbor who does its part to make the community it is in a healthier place to live, work and play.

I also congratulate Coca-Cola on its membership in the Department of Energy's National Clean Fleets Partnership.

This public-private partnership, created by President Obama to help large companies reduce diesel and gasoline use in their fleets, is part of DOE's broader "Clean Cities" initiative.

The National Clean Fleets Partnership is a great example of how public private partnerships can bring the federal government and the business community together to achieve mutually beneficial goals.

As one of America's greatest brand names and one of our country's most successful businesses, Coca Cola's participation in this effort is critical to achieving President Obama's goal of cutting the 2008 importation of 11 million barrels of oil a day to a third by 2025.

Coca Cola is to be commended for being a leader in efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions and reduce our nation's consumption of oil."