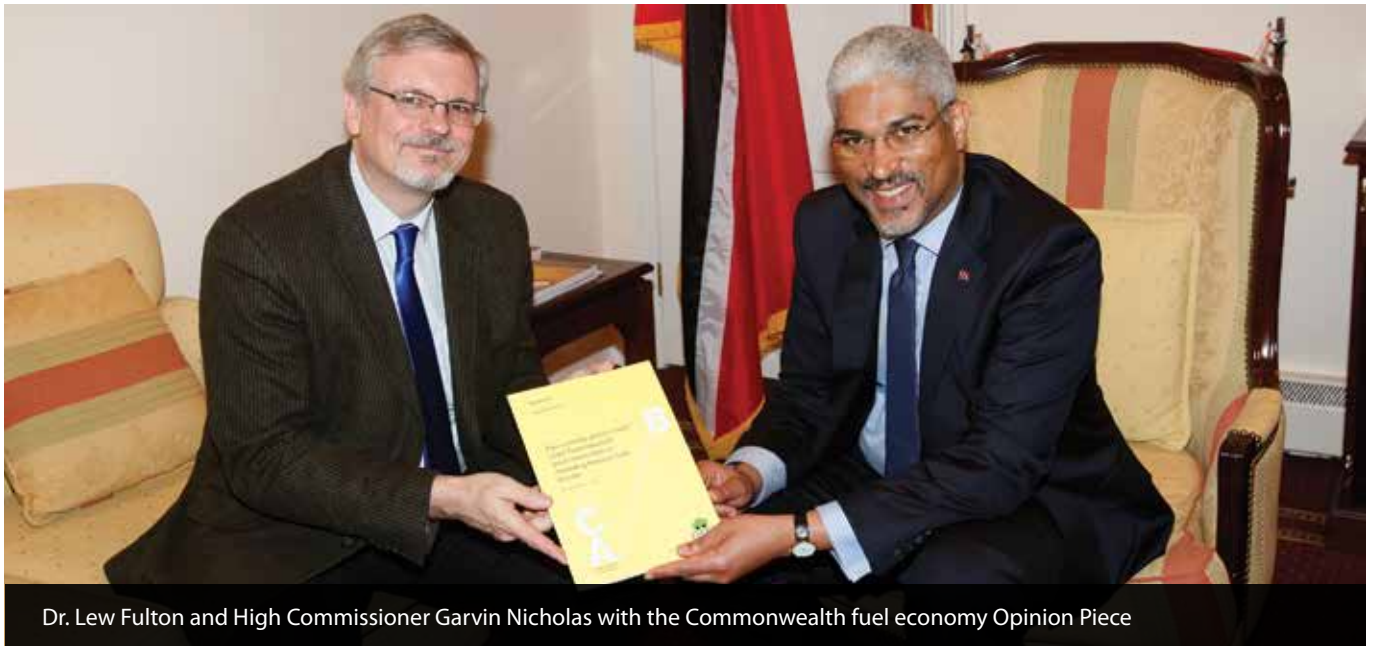


Commonwealth countries must act now to improve fuel economy



Commonwealth countries can cut their cumulative oil bill by £2 trillion through to 2050 and can help cut the world's road transport energy use and CO₂ emissions by nearly half in that same time, by adopting a high-impact, low-cost solution: improving vehicle fuel economy, according to a paper published by the Commonwealth Advisory Bureau (CAB) and sponsored by the Global Fuel Economy Initiative.

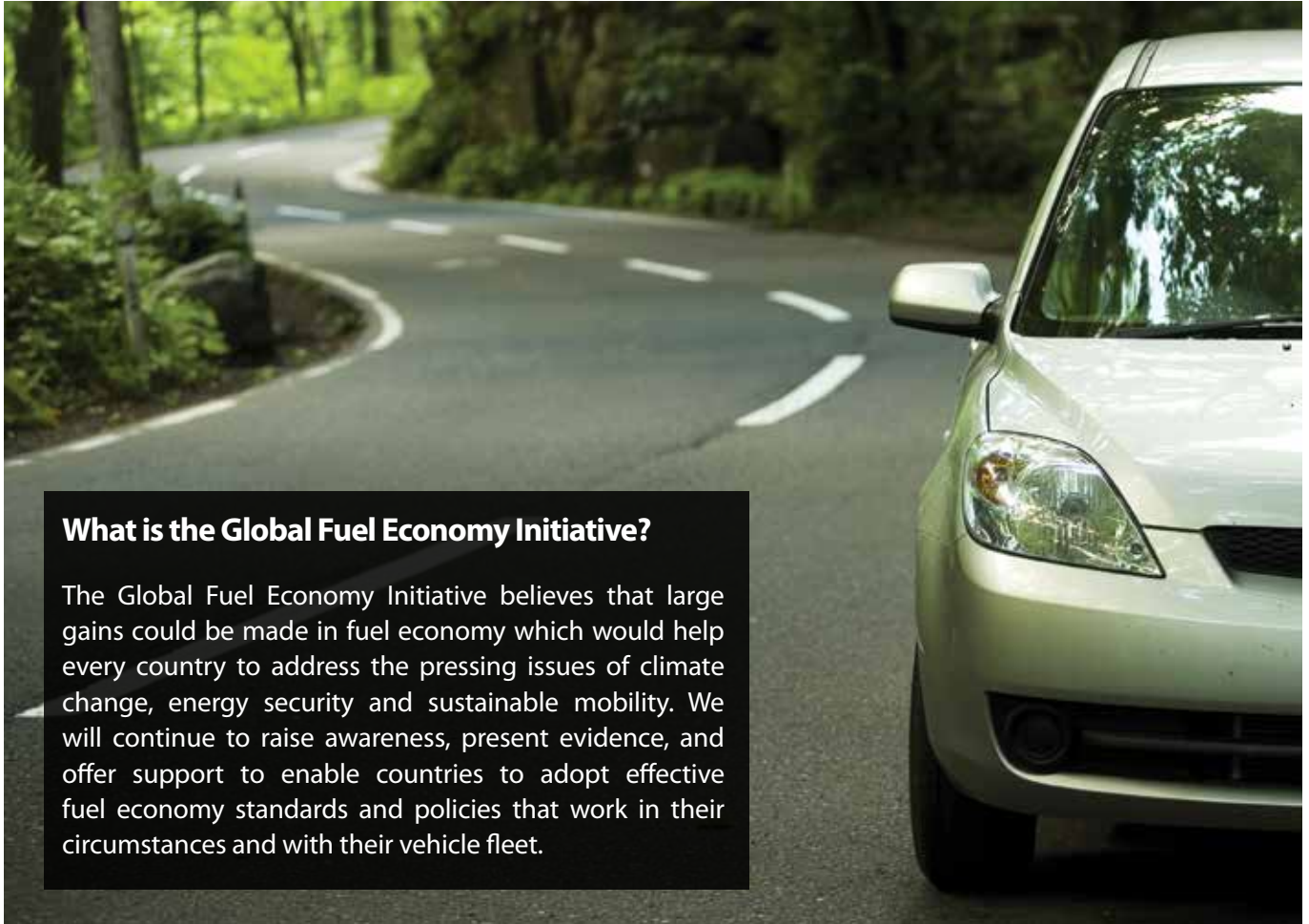
In an Opinion Piece for the CAB, Dr. Lew Fulton from the University of California Davis, a GFEI partner, warns that the oil importing countries, which make up the vast majority of the Commonwealth, could face high economic costs given the huge increases in the number of vehicles on their roads over the next few decades. Please find a copy of the Opinion Piece enclosed.

Dr. Fulton and the GFEI have briefed the High Commissioner for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago His Excellency, Garvin Nicholas. The High Commissioner said: "Fuel economy is an increasingly important issue both for our country and from a global perspective. Dr. Fulton's paper for the Commonwealth Advisory Bureau underscores the need for action in order to address both economic and environmental concerns. Together with the Global Fuel Economy Initiative, we look forward to advancing this agenda."

To download a full copy of this report please go to http://www.commonwealthadvisorybureau.org/fileadmin/CPSU/documents/Publications/Opinion_Nov_2012.pdf

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What is the Global Fuel Economy Initiative?

The Global Fuel Economy Initiative believes that large gains could be made in fuel economy which would help every country to address the pressing issues of climate change, energy security and sustainable mobility. We will continue to raise awareness, present evidence, and offer support to enable countries to adopt effective fuel economy standards and policies that work in their circumstances and with their vehicle fleet.

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