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C.A.R.B board members,

15 years ago I was very glad to see that California with their progressive thinking, adopted environmental standards requiring major automakers to produce zero-emission electric cars. The most notable was General Motors EV1. It was wonderful to hear such an advanced electrically powered car was to be produced and tested first in California, and I had hoped eventually sold in Nebraska. It didn't happen, CARB did not maintain their resolve, changed the requirements and as a result the electric car disappeared. Will GM really sell the Volt without the ZEV mandates driving them?

California had a flash in history with ZEV mandates that caused the creation of electric cars like the Toyota Rav4e and EV1. When the ZEV mandates were relaxed, the electric cars were no longer available, they became just a moment in time. Why should California settle for a footnote in history when you have the opportunity take a prominent place by promoting the electrification of transportation for this nation.

Your upcoming decisions will affect Californians and Nebraska along with the rest of the Union. Please re-establish strong ZEV mandates again. The car companies produced EVs 15 years ago, they can certainly do it now.

Battery electrics should be given favored status in new CARB requirements since the technology is ready. Hydrogen has a long way to go, please move it to the back burner.

Thank-you for your time and resolve.

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