



October 9, 2022

Dear California Air Resources Board,

On behalf of the 75 members of Climate Reality Project, Santa Barbara Chapter, we are requesting that CARB change the proposed Advance Clean Fleets regulation in line with Alternative 2 in the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR).

With the transportation sector emitting 40% of the state's greenhouse gas emissions and 80% of its smog-forming NOx emissions, we urge you to continue to push strong forward movement on reducing the number of vehicles that are contributing emissions, as rapidly as possible. California has almost double the number of vehicles on the road of Texas or Florida, and over triple the number of cars in any of the rest of the states in the nation. We are the biggest contributor of vehicle emissions, and as such we have the biggest responsibility to reduce those emissions as quickly as possible and to set a positive role model of success.

We know that the transition to electric energy and zero emission vehicles has costs and problems that need to be resolved. But, as the American Lung Association points out, "If we can't breathe, nothing else matters." The cost right now, to deal with the damaging effects of human caused climate change- increased wildfires, water shortages, health related issues, agricultural issues, and more- far exceeds the costs of problem solving and transitioning away from fossil fuel use.

As experts in the understanding and consequence of continued air pollution, we all rely on your agency to set the framework for reducing greenhouse gases that will lead to a healthier and more pleasant future for everyone. Please resolve to do so as quickly as possible.

We greatly appreciate and applaud your work so far. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

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