

**Testimony on CARB's Consideration for the
"CALIFORNIA ADVANCED CLEAN CARS PROGRAM"**

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Good Morning, my name is Jennifer Moeller and I come before you today as a mother of three young children and concerned citizen.

When it comes to caring for my children, from a mothers perspective, nothing is more important than health and safety of my family. As a mom living in Los Angeles, health issues stemming from air pollution is concerning. The traffic congestion and smog is a large ongoing problem for many of us Mom's as we run our kids from one activity to another. In fact, all drivers are impacted by both the heartache and headaches of sitting in traffic for prolonged periods of time and taking in all that unnecessary smog into our lungs. For children, this is especially concerning as it impacts those young, developing lungs and bodies even more.

This is why I am here today, to urge you as California's leadership council to act on moving forward with the CA advanced clean cars program, and here's why.

California has led the way on clean air policies making it the first state to develop a regional air pollution control district in 1947 to address the many ongoing crucial and health affecting air quality problems in Los Angeles.

Congress subsequently adopted a new provision of the CAA (Section 177) allowing other states to "opt into" California's vehicle emission standards. Which means a large number of states have opted into California's standards over the years and since then 12 additional states have opted into our low emissions vehicle and zero emission vehicle standards overall representing 35 percent of cars sold in the US.

Mainly, California's economy has grown simultaneously as the states leader in harmful emissions reduction.

- Of California's 19 areas that once exceeded either the 1-hour or original 8-hour ozone standards, only 4 still exceed those standards today.
- Even the South Coast and the San Joaquin Valley – two areas of the state that face the nation's most critical air quality challenges – have seen significant progress.
- Clean air progress in California has occurred at the same time the state population has increased by over 25 percent and the economy has continued to grow.

- California is the world's sixth largest economy, and job growth in the state has outpaced the national rate. All while adopting the nation's most protective air quality policies.

I am the mother of three beautiful children under the ages of 6, so when it comes to health and the environment, I can't stress enough how passionate I am about clean air, which means standing for zero emission vehicles and a clean cars program to support it. This not only benefits our state as a whole but our environment, by making a significant cut into our smog, lessening asthmatic resulting health diagnosis's in our children and creating a longer lasting planet for our future.

Lets work together to make a difference, not just for us but for our children.

Thank you for your time.