

Thank you chair Randolph and members of the board. I appreciate the weight you must feel bearing down on you as you work ensure all Californians benefit from your decisions.

My name is Kevin Hamilton, and I'm Executive Director of Central California Asthma Collaborative. Today I also represent the San Joaquin Valley Environmental Justice Collaborative, and San Joaquin Valley Clean Vehicle Empowerment Collaborative whose eight organizations working in partnership with CARB staff and others are dispelling the myth that residents of low-income communities are not able to afford electric vehicles as long as incentives are adequate, and information is provided by trusted messengers.

I was interested in slide 20 of the staff presentation. I wonder who the owners of those remaining gas vehicles are and what they're paying for gas. I'm betting most are residents of low-income communities who will likely have to wait more than 20 years or more to benefit from this rule in its present form. We urge you to reconsider and accelerate the 2030 target to at least 75% and while I agree the reduction of climate emissions is a good reason to do that, the one that make the most sense for equity is that it increases the number of vehicles entering the secondary market from retired corporate leased fleets and rental companies. Potentially shortening the wait for these most vulnerable and lowest income folks to finally own a ZEV.

Regarding the existing equity provisions, our members find them woefully inadequate. All are voluntary and there are virtually no disincentives. According to staff, CA holds 11% of new vehicle sales in the US. No OEM is going to leave this market because of a higher target 8 years from now. They will build more cars as long as there's a market that demands them. I think the evidence is clear from sales trend in the last few years, On what could we achieve if we set the goal even higher?

In closing we would ask the Board to direct staff to go back and revise the existing equity section of this plan and make sure its weighted in favor of equity with substantive provisions that ensure these front-line communities are benefiting equitably with the rest of Californian's.

Staff should proactively reach out and work with organizations who live and work in these communities. As always, we/they stand ready to help.

Thank you.

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