

March 22, 2017

The Honorable Mary Nichols, Chair California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

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The LCFC represents a range of fuels and technologies including producers and developers of biodiesel, ethanol, renewable natural gas, waste-derived fuels, and other low carbon fuel industry participants. The LCFC tracks regulations and legislation, advocates for policies that benefit the entire low carbon fuels industry, and facilitates industry success through consensus and coalition building.

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This policy imperative is well-expressed in a recent study authored by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Argonne National Laboratory:

"Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of light-duty vehicles are pursuing a broad portfolio of technologies to reduce CO2 emissions and improve fuel economy. Central to this effort is higher efficiency spark ignition (SI) engines, including technologies reliant on higher compression ratios and fuels with improved anti-knock properties, such as gasoline with significantly increased octane numbers. Ethanol has an inherently high octane number and would be an ideal octane booster for lower-octane petroleum blendstocks. (...) Thus the legacy FFV fleet can serve as a bridge by providing a market for the new fuel immediately, so that future vehicles will have improved efficiency as the new fuel becomes widespread. In this way, (High Octane Fuel) can simultaneously help improve fuel economy while expanding the ethanol market in the United States via a growing market for an ethanol blend higher than E10."

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In California, the savings benefits that E85 offers customers have been enhanced by the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS). The LCFS mandates that petroleum refiners and importers meet declining carbon intensity (CI) standards on an annual basis. Between 2011 and 2020, the LCFS mandates a 10% CI reduction for transportation fuels in California. Regulated parties comply with the LCFS either by purchasing low carbon fuels such as ethanol, or by purchasing credits generated by the sale of low carbon fuels. The demand for LCFS credits creates a premium value for low carbon fuels in California, and provides an incentive for low carbon fuel producers to further reduce the CI of the fuels they supply. As a result of the LCFS, the average CI of ethanol in California has been reduced about 8% since 2011, with the volume-weighted average for 2015 at approximately 81 gCO2e/MJ.<sup>3</sup>

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Due to ethanol's proven track record in reducing GHG emissions and dependence on petroleum, California has invested millions to build a network of E85 stations across the state with many of these stations located in disadvantaged communities. According to the California Energy Commission, California has awarded \$13.7 million for 158 E85 fueling stations in the state through the use of AB 118 program funds. To the extent that California utilizes this network of stations to deliver GHG reductions, this will be money well spent. However, to the extent that California abandons its prior support for E85 use and FFV's are phased out by the automakers, these stations will become underutilized GHG-reducing assets.

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In 2016, California's Legislature passed and Governor Brown signed AB 197, a bill to ensure that California's most impacted and disadvantaged communities be specifically considered and protected in the adoption of GHG rules and regulations. Health and Safety Code §38562.5 provides that:

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(a) Emission reduction rules and regulations that result in direct emission reductions at large stationary sources of greenhouse gas emissions sources and direct emission reductions from mobile sources.

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### Conclusion

We look forward to engagement with ARB to further evaluate how mid and high level ethanol blends can best be integrated into the ACC Program to yield the highest possible dividends in terms of GHG reduction, other air quality benefits, petroleum reduction, benefits to disadvantaged communities, and the expansion of California's clean economy.

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The success of E85 in disadvantaged communities is established by the high rates of E85 adoption by communities with high Enviroscreen 3.0 scores. The location of Pearson Fuel's E85 stations in these communities is illustrated by Exhibit A, showing the location of E85 stations in the Los Angeles, Bay Area, and San Diego metropolitan areas. By providing individuals with reasonable and cost-effective means to proactively contribute towards GHG emission reduction goals, the state can achieve immediate and tangible benefits while also attracting and sustaining the interest and participation of thousands of Californians.

### Conclusion

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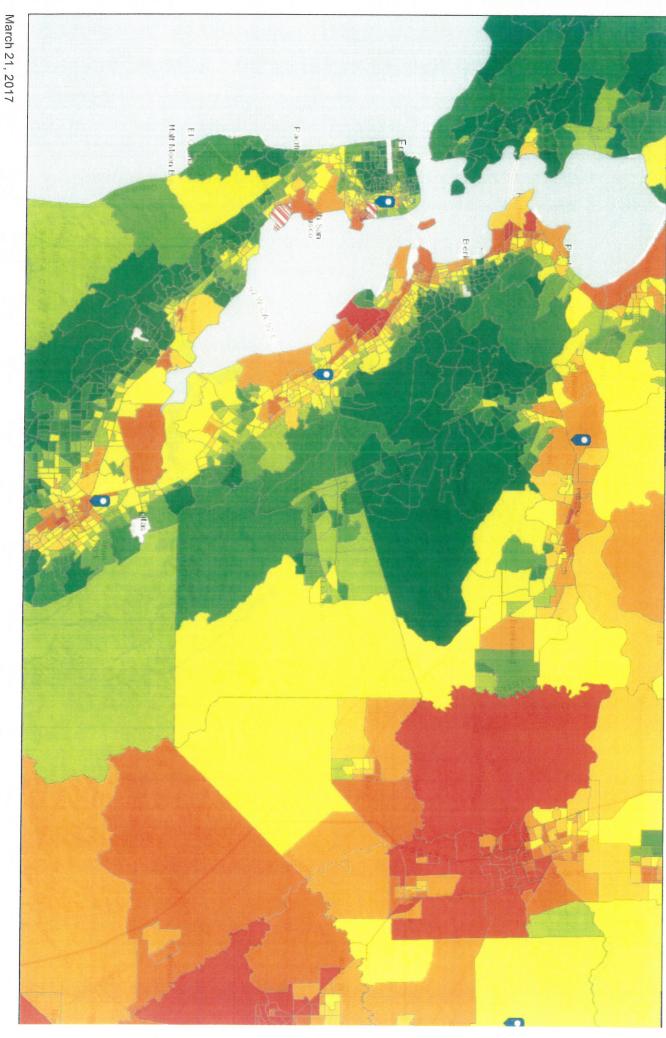
Sincerely,

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**Subject: Public Health Support for Strong Clean Cars Standards** 

Dear Chair Nichols:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations in California, we write to support strong state and federal advanced clean car regulations to protect public health from motor vehicle pollution. We also write to urge the California Air Resources Board to continue its

leadership by strengthening the clean car rules beginning in 2025 to advance the fight against air pollution and climate change. These state and federal rules are critical to keep our patients and our communities healthier and more resilient to the worst impacts of climate change.

Motor vehicles represent a major share of the air and climate pollutants harming communities in California and across the United States. Their contribution to health and climate threats makes adopting and enforcing the strongest possible motor vehicle standards vital. The changing climate threatens the health of Americans alive now and in future generations. Growing evidence over the past few years has demonstrated the multiple, profound, climate change risks that imperil the lives and health of millions. The increasing evidence of climate change health impacts together with the robust research demonstrating harm by pollution from motor vehicle emissions demonstrate the need for the strongest possible technology requirements to protect public health.

We support strong implementation of existing federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration vehicle emission standards as well as California's 2025 Advanced Clean Cars and Zero Emission Vehicle program authorized under the Clean Air Act. These federal and state standards are most effective when implemented jointly with the benefits of the standards delivered across the country. California's standards set the bar for curbing emissions of ozone-forming pollution, limiting deadly particles, and controlling climate pollution as they lead the nation forward on zero-emission technology.

Therefore, we offer the following recommendations in support of improving and protecting public health against pollution burdens and global climate change health impacts:

- California and the federal government must implement current advanced clean car standards to protect public health. Federal EPA/NHTSA and California emission standards will deliver meaningful climate and public health benefits by 2025. We urge federal and state agencies to ensure the strong implementation of these rules in a coordinated manner in the best interests of public health, clean air and a healthy climate.
- California should move forward now to develop post-2025 clean car and zero emission technology standards. California's leadership in developing more advanced clean car and zero emission technology standards is leading the way to cleaner air and a healthy climate. We urge the California Air Resources Board to begin development of the post-2025 standards now to further reduce ozone-forming pollutants, fine particles and climate pollution as well as to strengthen and extend the Zero Emission Vehicle standard. We urge the post-2025 zero emission vehicle program to ensure alignment with a 2050 goal of achieving a robust market with 100% zero emission vehicle sales.
- California's authority to address motor vehicle pollution standards must be
  maintained. Other states should continue to have the opportunity to adopt California
  standards to maximize pollution reductions now and in the future. California's vehicle
  program has advanced clean technologies in the United States and around the world. It

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The Honorable Mary Nichols Chair, California Air Resources Board Members of the California Air Resources Board 1001 | Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Health Professional Support for Strong Clean Cars Standards

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the undersigned health professionals in California and across the United States, we write to support strong state and federal advanced clean car regulations to protect public health from motor vehicle pollution. We also write to urge the California Air Resources Board to continue its leadership by strengthening the clean car rules beginning in 2025 to advance the fight against air pollution and climate change. These state and federal rules are critical to keep our patients and our communities healthier and more resilient to the worst impacts of climate change.

Motor vehicles represent a major share of the air and climate pollutants harming communities in California and across the United States. Their contribution to health and climate threats makes adopting and enforcing the strongest possible motor vehicle standards vital. The changing climate threatens the health of Americans alive now and in future generations. Growing evidence over the past few years has demonstrated the multiple, profound, climate change risks that imperil the lives and health of millions. The increasing evidence of climate change health impacts together with the robust research demonstrating harm by pollution from motor vehicle emissions demonstrate the need for the strongest possible technology requirements to protect public health.

We support strong implementation of existing federal U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration vehicle emission standards as well as California's 2025 Advanced Clean Cars and Zero Emission Vehicle program authorized under the Clean Air Act. These federal and state standards are most effective when implemented jointly with the benefits of the standards delivered across the country. California's standards set the bar for curbing emissions of ozone-forming pollution, limiting deadly particles, and controlling climate pollution as they lead the nation forward on zero-emission technology.

Therefore, we offer the following recommendations in support of improving and protecting public health against pollution burdens and global climate change health impacts:

• California and the federal government must implement current advanced clean car standards to protect public health. Federal EPA/NHTSA and California emission standards will deliver meaningful climate and public health benefits by 2025. We urge

federal and state agencies to ensure the strong implementation of these rules in a coordinated manner in the best interests of public health, clean air and a healthy climate.

- California should move forward now to develop post-2025 clean car and zero emission technology standards. California's leadership in developing more advanced clean car and zero emission technology standards is leading the way to cleaner air and a healthy climate. We urge the California Air Resources Board to begin development of the post-2025 standards now to further reduce ozone-forming pollutants, fine particles and climate pollution as well as to strengthen and extend the Zero Emission Vehicle standard. We urge the post-2025 zero emission vehicle program to ensure alignment with a 2050 goal of achieving a robust market with 100% zero emission vehicle sales.
- California's authority to address motor vehicle pollution standards must be
  maintained. Other states should continue to have the opportunity to adopt California
  standards to maximize pollution reductions now and in the future. California's vehicle
  program has advanced clean technologies in the United States and around the world. It
  has brought tremendous benefits, not only to California residents, but to nationwide
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