

August 13, 2018

To: Shirin Barfjani of the California Air Resources Board

Dear Ms. Barfjani,

I understand that CARB is considering a rule to require California bus fleets to transition to zero emission buses.

I support this idea wholeheartedly. A new fossil-fuel-consuming bus bought today will continue polluting for decades, unless it is removed from the roads before the end of its life, which will be costly. It is vital that we phase in fully electric (or otherwise zero-emission) bus fleets.

A few months ago, CPUC commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen said, "At this time, absent very compelling circumstances, we should be directing all of our investments in infrastructure and energy to clean energy resources." [1]

He was speaking about a natural gas power plant, but his words apply to every aspect of our energy landscape, including transportation.

CARB has a chance to direct energy investments to clean energy (and away from fossil fuels), and should absolutely take it.

Thank you,

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[1] "California rejects gas peaker plant, seeks clean energy alternatives", PV Magazine, October 4, 2017. <https://pv-magazine-usa.com/2017/10/04/california-group-applauds-gas-peaker-plant-rejection-seeks-clean-energy-alternatives/> retrieved August 13, 2018.