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Dr. Robert Sawyer,
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Dear Dr Sawyer:

. We need plug-in zero emission vehicles now more than ever.

I drove a General Motors EV1 for three years from 1997 to 2000. I put over 25,000 miles on that car commuting 30 miles to work and taking my son to school. For 3 years I didn't buy any gas. No one can tell me that electric cars are not practical. Now with today's lithium ion batteries and other advancements in technologies, our automakers could really make a fine product. Like cigarettes, we must finely admit to ourselves that internal combustion driven cars are bad for us for many reasons, not the least of which is the adverse impact on the environment and our health.

I also firmly believe that our American auto industry could reestablish itself as world leaders if they took on a "Man to the Moon" type of challenge to switch to an all zero emission product line. But they almost always seem to need a law to force them to make a better and safer car. The irony is that those legislated improvements such as seatbelts, airbags, catalytic converters, higher mileage standards etc. in the end make their own products even more appealing to the public and benefit them greatly in sales.

We must all know by now that continuing to wrestle the other counties of the world for the last few barrels of oil will have dire consequences for our children in the future. Sacrificing our beautiful environment by drilling for additional oil is not a desirable alternative or permanent solution either.

California has historically been an American leader in good public policy. Please continue this tradition of national leadership and tell our automakers that Californians have had enough pollution, needless energy waste, and international political turmoil as a direct result of the internal combustion engine.

I urge you to act now and take the imitative in advancing this great technology of plug-in zero emission vehicles. Now, more than ever, we need them!

Sincerely,



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