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My name is Mary Scott.

I'm here as an ordinary citizen, from the community.

People who live in low-income communities and communities of color want to see regulations that will improve our air quality. But we want them to be relevant to our community and we want to be able to see results.

This regulation is clearly intended to make it easier for wealthy folks in wealthy communities fill up their expensive hydrogen cars at expensive hydrogen stations without having to leave their neighborhoods. The plan is for the stations to be located in places like Santa Monica and the Westside – which says it all about who's going to benefit. Suffice to say it's going to be a long, long time before anyone talks about putting one of these stations in Inglewood, East L.A. or in Compton.

We've been down this road before. Back in the 90's we had the electric car mandate and we were told it would be expensive at first but soon they'd be affordable and low income families would be saving lots of money on their gasoline. We're still waiting for that to happen. I can tell you, we don't see a lot of electric cars or electric car charging stations in my neighborhood.

These stations will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, costs that will trickle down to our community one way or another.

This regulation will do nothing but benefit the wealthy at the expense of folks who will probably never see a hydrogen station in their neighborhood or ever own a hydrogen vehicle.

If you're going to make a rule that costs millions, and that we'll have to help pay for, we'd much rather have one that will actually reduce smog in our neighborhoods, or get us cleaner buses and cars. As President Obama just said in his State of the Union Address, the rich people don't need any more breaks.

Thank you.