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My name is Edwin Lombard and I'm representing the Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce.

We do not support this rule, and encourage you to reconsider it.

We have had an electric vehicle mandate in California since 1990. We've subsidized cars, buyers and infrastructure. But although all Californians have paid for those subsidies, the benefits have largely gone to the wealthiest.

After 21 years, it was recently reported that the average annual income of Chevy Volt buyers is \$170,000, and buyers of the Fisker Karma or Tesla Roadster earn more than \$250,000 a year.

Prime spots reserved for EV parking at shopping malls and airports are rarely occupied.

And EV market penetration is not nearly what it was predicted to be.

Now you want to mandate the installation of hydrogen fueling stations in Southern California's wealthiest neighborhoods at a cost of hundreds of millions of dollars when hydrogen cars aren't even commercially available. And unlike the ZEV mandate, you're not requiring automakers to sell specified numbers, so it's even less likely there will be customers for those fueling stations.

From the perspective of our small business members who have to scramble to make the rent and payroll every month, we think it's just fine if people who can afford Volts, Teslas or Karmas want to spend their money on hydrogen vehicles, and if the folks who sell them those vehicles want to invest in fueling stations.

But we strongly oppose arbitrarily forcing anyone to install a fueling station at a cost that is bound to be passed along to the rest of us.

Thank you.