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Comments on Clean Fuel Outlet Regulation  
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My name is Andrew Barrera and I'm here representing the Los Angeles Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

We are concerned that you are considering diverting millions of dollars out of our economy to provide infrastructure for vehicles that are essentially not available on the commercial market and, when they are, will only be affordable to the very wealthiest among us.

The fact that the targeted locations for these fueling stations are in places like Santa Monica and the West Side is instructive. It means we're probably looking at millions of dollars for a program to promote a technology that won't be accessible to small businesses or middle-class or low income communities in the foreseeable future.

I'm reminded of what Mr. de la Torre said about the solar roof program – understanding that wasn't one of this agency's programs – if your constituents in South Gate had a few thousand dollars they'd spend it on a new roof, not on solar panels. And it turns out that in Malibu, where about 13,000 people live, about \$1.5 million in solar panel rebates were paid out. In Compton, where about 140,000 people live, there was only one solar subsidy for \$2,269. Only ONE.

And that's for technology that's already available. Your staff's projections for fuel cell vehicles is that in the next five years they will make up less than two percent of all the cars on the road today. The millions of people that can't afford them will be subsidizing the less than a hundred thousand who can.

The point is, there's a lot of money that's going to be spent on this program and very few people or companies who are going to benefit from it. And those are folks who don't need any help.

We support the right of any company to voluntarily invest in hydrogen fuel outlets, but strongly oppose this or any other type of business being mandatory.

Thank you.