



Health and Medical Support for Strong California Clean Car Programs

The undersigned public health and medical professionals strongly support California's efforts to reduce air pollutants and greenhouse gases from motor vehicles and urge the State of California to continue its national and international leadership in promoting clean vehicle policies and technologies. Without strong action to reduce emissions, global warming will exacerbate our existing air pollution-related public health crisis.

We are deeply concerned about the poor health outcomes caused by air pollution that is driven largely by transportation emissions in California. Along with triggering asthma attacks, exposure to vehicle pollution contributes to new asthma cases, impairs lung function and development and contributes to respiratory and cardiac illnesses and even premature deaths. Global warming will add to these burdens as higher temperatures lead to reduced air quality, more intense heat waves, increased wildfire smoke exposure and other public health challenges. We are especially concerned about low-income communities and other vulnerable populations including seniors, children and infants and those already suffering from lung, heart and other chronic diseases.

We support the leadership of the State of California in its ongoing efforts to implement policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also advancing public health, air quality and environmental goals.

We urge the California Air Resources Board to move forward this year to protect public health by enhancing California's Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas regulations to reduce emissions from all new motor vehicles and by strengthening the state's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program.

We believe that the strongest possible motor vehicle emission standards are critically important for the health of California residents and, as other states and the federal government adopt California vehicle standards, for the health of all Americans.

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