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The world is quickly moving away from the use of fossil fuels as the disastrous effects of climate change become increasingly obvious, and our national security increasingly perilous.

The economic costs to consumers of fossil fuel use will also become more onerous. Gasoline is already very expensive and the price will only get higher. The related health costs of dirty air on our children is incalculable.

I think Washington should be a leader in the new economy that is coming into existence, like it or not. We need to protect the public health, grow a sustainable economy and soften the worst effects of climate change.

That's why I urge you to adopt the strong version of the California motor vehicle standards under consideration to move our transition to electric vehicles forward, help preserve the climate for our descendants, and make it safer and pleasanter to live and breathe.

Thank you