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This is regard to the Clean Vehicles Program 173-423 and 173-400. I strongly oppose this program for several reasons. Being a Senior on a fixed income, living in a rural area, I cannot afford to buy a new EV. The cost would be more than I can afford and my house is not set up to charge an EV. I do not believe that the "air quality" of the emissions from gas vehicles is enough to cause a problem. It is my opinion that this proposal would cause more hardship on people already stretched as far as they can go in particular, the Senior population. I own my home and have no intention of moving. I remember the air quality back in the 1970's and it was a problem then, but so many improvements have been made on cars that isn't a problem anymore. I also do not believe that our power infrastructure can handle the use of the EV in just a few years. WE have an abundance of natural oil and gas, we have advanced technology to utilize our natural oil and gas so that it is clean. Going to all electric makes no common sense and it will be a hardship on many. Also I don't think they can manufacture EVs that quickly. This whole EV thing will prove to be a very bad idea over time and is unaffordable. Personally, I have paid off my house and my car so I can live on a fixed income and adding an huge expense like being forced to buy an EV and have my house fitted so it can be charged would be a hardship. Plus road trips would be very limited. I don't think someone is playing this all the way through. They see "new idea" and are going for it. Who is to benefit most from this? What about all the taxes that come from gas? What about the power grid? This whole idea is ridiculous. Just because California is doing it doesn't mean we have to. Like my mother used to say, "If someone jumped off a bridge would you do it?" The transition to all EV should take decades not two years. I am sure in the future more technology will develop. I also know that mining for the minerals that make the batteries is much worse for the environment than drilling for oil. The EV is really NOT that environmentally friendly as you all would make it seem. This whole idea is smoke and mirrors. I can understand advancing technology, but forcing people to buy an EV in the next few years is very unreasonable. Again, I strongly oppose this plan.