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I am submitting this comment regarding the Proposed Amendments to the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. I support practical environmental goals, but I strongly urge regulators to avoid amendments that would increase the cost of living for California residents and working families.

Any new reporting, compliance, administrative, or technology requirements placed on businesses are often passed down to consumers through higher prices. This can affect essentials such as electricity, gasoline, groceries, housing construction, transportation, and household goods. At a time when many residents are already struggling with affordability, policymakers should carefully consider the real-world financial impact of these amendments.

I respectfully request that the agency prioritize the following principles:

1. Minimize compliance costs for small and medium-sized businesses, which are least able to absorb new mandates without raising prices or reducing jobs.

2. Avoid duplicative reporting requirements where businesses are already submitting emissions data through other state or federal programs.

3. Provide flexible implementation timelines so companies can adapt without sudden cost increases.

4. Conduct a transparent cost-of-living impact analysis before adopting any amendments, especially impacts on utilities, fuel, food supply chains, and housing.

5. Exempt or streamline requirements for sectors that directly affect essential consumer goods and services.

Environmental accountability is important, but regulations should be balanced with affordability. Californians should not face even higher living costs due to policies that could be implemented more efficiently. I encourage the agency to revise the proposal in ways that reduce unnecessary costs while still meeting environmental objectives.

Thank you for considering my comment.