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Regarding this proposal, we should all be concerned about the rise in gas prices; especially as a vast majority of the state is reliant on the few refineries we have. Surely there must be another solution other than to squeeze refineries out of the state. The resulting doom loop that will be oncoming would be catastrophic for all industries.

I am a strong environmentalist, but our remaining refineries should be supported in obtaining reachable standards rather than punishing them harshly. The technology we want will improve with time, not by rushing everything. If they do not want to work with us and solve real issues so be it; but we must be prepared to shift the State to be able to function without them- a place where we are not at yet AT ALL.

I also find it highly hypocritical for our lifestyles that a majority of our supply is from foreign countries, refined with less standards than how you impose our own, and shipped in from tankers that take up large footprints within the ocean. In fact, a vast majority of the Californian climate-friendly lifestyle is just offsetting the cost of pollution into other places.

Additionally, I find it horrifying that this proposal, and the public hearing page on this website is not well known or accessible among voters. It is not widely mentioned in the news, by mail, or on social media. These decisions get made behind the backs of Californians who will be extremely hurt by the decisions you make. I challenge each of you on this board to commute 1:30hr both ways for a week in an average vehicle and see how it impacts your wallet.

I'm only in my 20s. Do not make me or others in my generation have to pick up the pieces in when we get credibility and confidence to assume your positions.