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Please revise your cap-and-invest proposal to protect in-state energy infrastructure by avoiding massive new costs for fuel producers. Especially with the high gasoline prices of today, rushing through a proposal to hit an arbitrary emissions reduction target is reckless, with real consequences for working and elderly Californians who can least afford it.

Californians are hurting, struggling to get by under the high energy costs that have become a hallmark of life in our state – the highest in the nation.

And rather than bring down costs, your proposal is going to make things even worse.

Our state is at a turning point. Drivers here pay the highest gas prices in the country by a huge margin. Even before the war in Iran prices at the pump were soaring, jumping 40 cents a gallon in February.

In the past six months, P66 shut down their Los Angeles refinery and Valero is in the final stages of shutting down their Benecia refinery. The closures eliminate another 20% of California's refining capacity and deepen our reliance on imported foreign fuel.

Your proposed changes would result in California's few remaining refineries facing up to \$9 billion in new compliance costs. This cost is unsustainable and surviving refiners cannot or will not take it on. With energy companies already leaving the state, this added cost burden could cause massive damage to our remaining energy infrastructure.

California needs gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel. If our policies push refineries out of business, forcing California to get fuel from somewhere else no matter what the cost.

Relying on imports also leaves us vulnerable to geopolitical disruptions and other factors outside our control. California depends on Asian refineries to produce our special blend of fuel. As those refineries decide to limit exports, the decision to allow foreign control of our fuel supply looks foolish.

With sky-high gas prices, refineries shutting down, and problems relying on imports highlighted by war in the Middle East, California cannot get this wrong.

Consequently, we Californians must pay the fuel production costs for foreign companies, who operate overseas refineries that produce greater pollution than California's refineries. That fuel is shipped on tankers that pump out carbon during around-the-world trips to our ports.

When gas gets too expensive, working families are forced to cut back on groceries, straining family budgets and pushing the California dream further out of reach.

Finally, local refineries and related businesses are bedrocks of their communities, employing hundreds if not thousands of workers in good-paying jobs, paying millions in property taxes, contributing to local civic organizations and boosting the economy. When they shut down, those benefits disappear.

California's regulations and tax structure place a huge burden on all Californians and all businesses operating in California. Please make life in California easier and less expensive – revise your proposal to preserve California energy infrastructure.