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I strongly oppose CARB's proposed amendments to the cap-and-trade program. California drivers are already paying painfully high gas prices—over \$5.00 per gallon on average right now (with some areas nearing \$6), compared to the national average around \$3.45. Adding another estimated \$1+ per gallon (per Chevron's analysis) through tighter emission caps and allowance reductions would crush working families, small businesses, and low-income households who rely on their vehicles for daily commutes and essentials.

These aggressive regulations risk driving up costs even further without meaningful alternatives in place, while threatening refinery viability and jobs in our state. CARB should prioritize affordability and reject changes that pile more burden on Californians already struggling at the pump. Please withdraw or significantly scale back these amendments.