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To: Members of the California State Legislature
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**RE: Clean Cars, Clean Air Act: Fighting Climate
Change and Wildfires**

Climate change is devastating California with prolonged droughts and increasingly catastrophic wildfires that cost lives, destroy property, hurt our state's economy, ruin our air quality and damage public health.

The air quality in California is by far the worst in the country, posing a hazard to public health and eroding the quality of life in every region of the state. These impacts are felt by all Californians, but particularly by low-income residents and communities of color.

Polluted air has serious impacts on our health: increased asthma attacks, pre-term pregnancies and low birth weight, heart attacks and strokes, lung cancer, impaired cognitive functioning and even premature death. These risks are elevated for women, children and seniors, and for low-income and disadvantaged communities where air pollution is frequently more acute. All of which translates into billions of



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dollars in higher healthcare costs for families, employers and the state.

These climate impacts hurt our economy as well. California's agriculture, wine, leisure and hospitality industries are just some of the sectors that have suffered from the direct or indirect impact of wildfires. Wildfires also disrupt supply chains; cause lost workdays and lost jobs; increase health care costs for employers; and increase insured losses and insurance costs.

All Californians deserve clean air.

To solve this crisis, we need to address two main sources of air pollution and climate change emissions in California: transportation and wildfires. We need an immediate, sustained investment free from the state's budget cycle to 1) prevent and fight wildfires, and increase community resilience, and 2) accelerate an equitable transition to clean transportation.

To address these issues, a coalition of labor organizations, environmental groups, firefighters, public health advocates, environmental justice organizations, and businesses are supporting the Clean Cars and Clean Air Act (CCCA) for the ballot this November. CCCA provides roughly \$100 billion in new revenue over the next 20 years:

- 1) \$20 Billion to fight and prevent catastrophic wildfires.
- 2) \$35 Billion to expand EV and ZEV charging/fueling infrastructure.*
- 3) \$45 Billion for subsidies to help consumers & organizations afford clean vehicles.*

*CCCA requires that half of the funding for the vehicle and infrastructure investments (or approximately \$40+ Billion) benefits low-income and disadvantaged communities. The remaining funding prioritizes affordability for middle-income Californians, and the measure also provides billions for wildfire prevention, including "grants for home-hardening retrofits focused on low-income communities." These programs are a critical part of a broader vision needed to achieve a clean energy economy and a more resilient California.

The charging/fueling infrastructure investments will create tens of thousands of good paying, career jobs all across California.

The funding source is also progressive - increasing the tax on personal income in excess of \$2 million by 1.75%, affecting only about 0.1% of Californians, or roughly 35,000 individuals. This still leaves the vast majority of this cohort in a better financial position than before the Trump



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tax cuts were enacted. This approach ensures the funding comes from those most able to afford it and the costs are not passed through to low- and middle-income families in the form of higher prices.

California has strong clean energy and clean vehicles policies in place, but needs sustained investment to reach our climate, air quality, and equity goals. Absent strong action today to boost our efforts, we will face more wildfires, worse air quality and the consequences from both.

It is for all these reasons, that we urge you to join our organizations and the voters of California in supporting this important initiative.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have or meet with you and your staff to review the measure. We can be reached at info@cleanairca.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

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