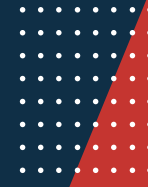


Protecting a Free Automotive Sector



Topline Landscape and Background

In 2022 the California Air Resources Board issued a rule banning the sale of new internal combustion engine powered vehicles starting in 2035. The rule will force automakers to speed up production of cleaner vehicles beginning in 2026 until sales of only zero-emission cars, pickup trucks and SUVs are allowed in the state. Some 17 states, including [state], adhere to California's rules regarding vehicle emissions standards, which means they will adopt a similar resolution.

The Importance of a Free Automotive Sector

Adopting a resolution like California's takes autonomy away from consumers and allows the government not [state residents] to decide what vehicles they purchase. It establishes a forcible transition from internal combustion engine powered vehicles to zero-emissions vehicles that doesn't allow for a free market.

Manufacturing electric vehicles requires approximately 40% less labor than equipped with internal combustion engines, which means adopting a resolution like California's will cost [state residents] jobs.

Zero-emission vehicles are unaffordable for too many [state residents]. The average cost of a new electric vehicle is over \$66,000, and the median income in [state] is only [income]. Forcing a transition to these expensive vehicles is unfair to families who deserve a free automotive market to make their own decision.

[state] lacks the infrastructure required to implement a resolution like California's with only [EV infrastructure]. Adopting a zero-emissions vehicle mandate would be irresponsible and unfeasible at this current time.

A potential zero-emissions vehicle mandate will cause significant disruptions to SEMA's members. SEMA's members consist of a diverse group of manufacturers, distributors, retailers, publishing companies, auto restorers, street-rod builders, restylers, car clubs, race teams and more who all rely on vehicles with internal combustion engines. A ban would be a significant disruption to their careers and hobbies. SEMA and its members are committed to ensuring that all performance enhancing parts used on the road are emissions compliant. They will continue to do so as long as the sale of vehicles with internal combustion engines is allowed.

The following resolution outlines why the [state] General Assembly must affirm its support for free market economics over vehicle technology mandates by introducing and passing this resolution.

[State] Resolution for Free Market Automotive Sector

A resolution reaffirming the State of [state] commitment to free market economics by not forcibly transitioning the state's automotive fleet of vehicles from internal combustion engine powered vehicles to zero-emissions vehicles, and allowing its citizens, not the government, to determine which vehicles they wish to purchase.

Whereas, [state employment numbers] are employed in the automotive sector, which contributes over [total income] in labor income to the state's economy. In November of 2022, the CEO of Ford stated that manufacturing electric vehicles requires approximately 40% less labor than internal combustion engine powered automobiles.¹ Adopting zero-emissions vehicle mandates, such as California's, will cost tens of thousands of [state] residents their jobs.

Whereas, an overwhelming majority of automobiles sold in [state] are equipped with internal combustion engines. As of [most recent date], [percent] of [state]'s [total number of vehicles sold] cars and trucks on the road are zero-emissions vehicles. In [most recent year], fewer than [number of EVs sold] of the vehicles sold in [state] were zero-emissions vehicles.

Whereas, zero-emissions vehicles are unaffordable for most of [state] residents. The median household income in [state] was [dollar amount] in [most recent year]. Today, the average cost of a new electric-vehicle is over \$66,000.

Whereas, [state] lacks the infrastructure necessary to accommodate electric vehicles. Currently, gas stations outnumber electric vehicle charging stations [state ratio] in [state].

Resolved by the House of Representatives/Senate, that we reaffirm the State of [state]'s commitment to free market economics by not forcibly transitioning the state's automotive fleet of vehicles from internal combustion engine powered vehicles to zero-emissions vehicles, and allowing its citizens, not the government, to determine which vehicles they wish to purchase; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of [state].

¹ <https://www.cnbc.com/2022/11/15/ford-working-to-build-its-own-parts-for-electric-vehicles-to-offset-job-losses.html>