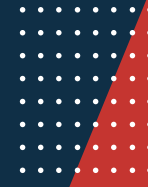


Repeal Virginia's Ban of the Internal Combustion Engine



The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) represents the nearly \$51 billion automotive aftermarket and performance racing industry nationally. We represent 88 businesses and over 10,000 consumer advocates in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

SEMA encourages support and passage of legislation that de-couples Virginia's emissions laws and regulations from California's – specifically the ban on the sale of the new gasoline and diesel engines.

- SEMA seeks to protect the Commonwealth's small businesses from legislation that will be harmful to them and their families.
- SEMA supports legislation in Virginia to repeal a 2021 law tying the state to California's motor vehicle emission standards. Current law automatically couples Virginia's emissions laws to California's. As a result, current law requires Virginia to ban the sale of new internal combustion engine powered vehicles starting in 2035.
- The Virginia General Assembly should decide what's best for Virginians, independent of what California is doing. They should hold hearings and listen to experts and stakeholders on the impact this policy will have on consumers, including issues like charging infrastructure and affordability.
- SEMA does not believe that the government—Virginia's or California's—should be choosing winners and losers in the automotive market. Virginians should decide what vehicles are best for them and their families.
- SEMA supports an all of the above approach to vehicle technology that trusts Virginians to make the best choices for themselves and their families.
- Banning the sale of internal combustion engines will remove competition from existing, proven technologies, which will mean higher costs for electric vehicles for Virginia's families.
- Mandating the sale of zero-emissions vehicles will widen the divide between the have and have nots. Forcing consumers to purchase electric vehicles will drive up electricity costs for the most vulnerable among us.
- Banning the sale of gas- and diesel- powered pick-up trucks will increase the cost to our farming and construction industries, resulting in higher food and housing costs for Virginia's families.
- Banning the sale of new ICE-powered vehicles by 2035, will put an estimated over 125,000¹ Virginians out of work.

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¹ <https://www.api.org/-/media/files/policy/jobs/economics-nat-gas-oil/api-oileconomy-virginia.pdf>