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Ohio House of Representatives
Transportation Committee
1 Capitol Square
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RE: Support for House Bill 201

Dear Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee:

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) supports HB 201 and respectfully urges members of this Committee to support its passage. AFPM is a national trade association representing nearly all U.S. refining and petrochemical manufacturing capacity. Our members are also leading producers of renewable fuels such as renewable diesel and Ohio's farmers are an important part of the renewables supply chain. Ohio's four refineries support more than 80,000 jobs statewide and contribute \$17 billion the state's economy each year.

AFPM supports reducing the carbon intensity of transportation, but policies must encourage competition and innovation to among fuel and vehicle technologies. Unfortunately, California is going in the wrong direction and exceeding its authority in an attempt to ban the sale of new combustion engines.

In August 2022, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) voted to adopt new emissions standards ("Advanced Clean Cars II") for light duty vehicles for model years 2026 through 2035. As a part of these new standards, a certain percentage of new vehicles sold within California – and the other participating states – must be either zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV); for model year 2026, 35 percent of new cars must be ZEVs or PHEVs, increasing to 100 percent by 2035, representing a total ban on the sale of new internal combustion engine vehicles powered by gasoline, diesel, or other liquid fuels.

Adopting California's regulations to ban the sale of new internal combustion engines would undermine consumer choice, harm Ohioans on low and fixed incomes, and present new national security and other challenges that have not yet been adequately considered or addressed. Motorists should be empowered to utilize the vehicular technologies that best suit the needs and desires of themselves and their families.



HB 201 would protect Ohioans by explicitly disallowing any state agency from adopting California's unrealistic emissions standards and vehicle mandates as Ohio's own. Federal emissions standards remain in place to ensure new cars sold in Ohio can be operated in a manner that ensures public health, safety, and environmental quality.

AFPM would like to thank Representatives Hillyer and Demetriou for their leadership on this matter and respectfully requests that members of the House Transportation Committee join them in supporting HB 201.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and for your consideration. For more information or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 844-5526 or dthoren@afpm.org.

Sincerely,

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