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Ohio House of Representatives  
Transportation Committee  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Support for House Resolution 198**

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

**The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) supports HR 198 and respectfully urges members of this Committee to support its adoption.** AFPM is a national trade association representing virtually all of the domestic petroleum refining and petrochemical manufacturing capacity. Our members are also leading producers of renewable and biofuels in Ohio and across the country. In Ohio, our industries support 80,000 direct and indirect jobs and contribute more than \$17 billion annually to the state economy.

California regulators recently promulgated new automobile emissions standards more stringent than those currently enforced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. A major component of these California standards is an electric vehicle mandate. Starting in 2026, states that have adopted California's standards must have 35 percent of new car sales be electric. In 2035, this figure increases to 100 percent, which is effectively a ban on new cars with internal combustion engines powered by gasoline, diesel, or any other liquid fuel, including biofuels.

AFPM's position is simple. Sales of electric vehicles in Ohio, or any state for that matter, should be driven by consumer demand, not bureaucrats in Sacramento or anywhere else. Adopting regulations or mandates that 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. Instead, motorists should be empowered to utilize the vehicular technologies that best suit their own and their families' needs and desires.

HR 198 stakes out a similar position by expressing support "for consumer choice in the automotive marketplace and against government-preferred vehicle technology mandates that will harm Ohio's consumers by prematurely requiring the transition of the automotive fleet from internal combustion powered vehicles to all-electric vehicles."



**AFPM respectfully requests that members of the House Transportation Committee vote favorably for this resolution and thanks Representative Williams for his leadership and for sponsoring this resolution.**

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](mailto:dthoren@afpm.org).

Sincerely,

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