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September 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1346 (Berman)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1346, which requires the Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt regulations to ban the sale of new internal combustion small off-road engines by January 1, 2024.

Most internal combustion off-road engines, with models created after 2024, would be banned as the bill relies on ARB regulations for their definition. The current ARB definition is very broad and is only limited by horsepower. As such, the ARB definition is not limited to just lawn care products, and would apply to items like power tools, generators, pumps, and other equipment used in commercial and industrial facilities.

Notwithstanding the concerns from lawn care consumers, employers, and employees whose livelihoods would be impacted by the ban on new internal combustion landscape equipment, Californians are also facing uncertainty when it comes to keeping the lights on due to Public Safety Power Shutoffs, Flex Alerts, and overall uncertainty in the stability of the power grid. This bill is counterproductive as it would ban the use of potentially life-saving generators or pumps that are independent of the grid, while at the same time, mandate the use of more products whose operation would further strain the grid.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto. If you have any questions about my request, please call my office at 916-651-4021 or email me at [Senator.Wilk@senate.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Wilk@senate.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Wilk".

Scott Wilk  
Senate Republican Leader