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The Honorable Alex Padilla and the Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senators
Washington, DC
(Sent via email)

Dear Senators Padilla and Schiff,

We respectfully urge you to vote in favor of House Joint Resolution 88 (Joyce-PA) and Senate Joint Resolution 45 (Capito-WV) that would repeal California's discriminatory, arbitrary and poorly thought out electric vehicle mandate.

As you know, this mandate would outlaw almost all non-plug-in hybrids and gasoline-powered vehicles in 2035 – less than 10 years away.

It is simply unrealistic to believe that a reliable electric vehicle charging network of stations will be constructed and operational throughout the state by 2035. Even if it were possible, the average Californian cannot afford to buy and charge an electric vehicle.

Not only are these rules going to harm the budgets of families in our state, but roughly 133 million Americans would likely face the same financial fate as these 'California rules' have already branched out to a dozen states and counting.

The state is already struggling to maintain a dependable electric grid during heatwaves and peak usage periods. While Democrat leadership in this state has boasted about 'nation-state' or 'nation-leading' policies, a strict mandate that drives up the cost of living without reliable infrastructure in place to support is not just unwise, it is reckless rulemaking.

As Republicans, we know that leaders of the Democrat Party like you are oftentimes unwilling to even hear our words of common sense. Our hope is that you will hear the pleas of your constituents, but also listen to your colleagues, including one in the House who recently voted to repeal the 2035 mandate.

"As Americans, we all want to do our part to protect the environment. That's why for decades, I have been driving a hybrid car. As a lawmaker my primary job is to listen to my neighbors and respect their choices to do what is best for their families and circumstances. That means protecting consumers' rights to drive whatever vehicle makes sense for them and their pocketbooks."

-Congressman Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana)

We hope you don't really believe Governor Newsom's accusation that Lou Correa is part of the "big polluters and the right-wing propaganda machine"?

Many of us served with Lou when he was here in the Legislature. We respect his wisdom and his vote to set partisanship aside and instead protect Californians' right to purchase a non-plug-in hybrid or gasoline powered vehicle.

For these reasons, and on behalf of the families we all represent, we strongly encourage you to strike a bipartisan and pragmatic tone on this issue and support these resolutions..

Sincerely,



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Senator Roger Niello, 6th District



Senator Shannon Grove, 12th District



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