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## **Closing of oil refineries**

I am writing to express serious concern about the planned closure of two oil refineries in California by next year. While I fully support California's long-term goals for clean energy and sustainability, I am deeply troubled by the immediate economic consequences these closures could have on residents across the state—especially those with limited incomes.

Gas prices in California are already among the highest in the country. Additional refinery closures will almost certainly drive prices higher, leading to widespread hardship. For families living paycheck to paycheck, low-income seniors, and essential workers who rely on their vehicles daily, such increases could be devastating.

I fear that some policymakers may be underestimating the economic ripple effect of these closures—not only at the gas pump but throughout the broader economy, including transportation, agriculture, and the cost of goods and services. These impacts will be disproportionately felt by Californians who are already struggling financially.

I urge the Commission to reconsider or delay these refinery closures and to ensure that any energy transition plan includes practical, affordable alternatives for all residents. Energy policy must be guided not only by environmental goals but also by a commitment to economic equity and stability.

Thank you for your service and attention to this matter.