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Proposed Automotive tire restrictions

Dear California Energy Commission,

I am submitting this comment to express my opposition to the proposed Replacement Tire Efficiency Program (Docket 26-TIRE-01).

I support reasonable efforts to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions; however, I am concerned that this regulation could unnecessarily restrict consumer choice by limiting the availability of replacement tires that meet the diverse needs of California drivers.

Tire selection involves much more than rolling resistance. Drivers rely on tires that provide appropriate traction, braking performance, durability, tread life, load capacity, heat resistance, and safety for their specific driving conditions. Many Californians use their vehicles for towing, recreation, rural travel, off-road driving, and other purposes where specialized tire characteristics are important.

I am particularly concerned that this proposal could reduce the availability of all-terrain, performance, and specialty tires. Consumers should be able to choose safe, appropriate replacement tires for their vehicles without government regulations unnecessarily narrowing the available options.

I respectfully request that the California Energy Commission:

1. Reconsider the proposed restrictions on replacement tires;
2. Ensure that safety, durability, and consumer choice receive equal consideration alongside efficiency goals;
3. Include broad exemptions for specialty, off-road, performance, and enthusiast applications;
4. Avoid regulations that could increase costs or prevent consumers from selecting tires suited to their actual driving needs.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely, Dave Smith