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Hydrogen Vehicles Are Scalable and Sustainable Today

RE: The 2026â€“2027 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program

I implore the CEC to consider the fact that every major automotive OEM today has had hydrogen vehicles, either fuel cell or ICE vehicles, for at least the last two decade. They understand that hydrogenâ€™s energy density allows them to replace gasoline and diesel with locally produced and the third most abundant element, hydrogen.

Hydrogen vehicles are not affected by the cold, by hilly or mountainous terrain, and can drive everything from forklifts to class 8 vehicles, unlike fossil fuels, including propane and natural gas, or even batteries. Hydrogen doesn't suffer from the kind of foreign entanglements and scarcity issues that oil, lithium and cobalt are troubled with.

American's spent more than $45 billion dollars more on gasoline at the pump than they would have since the start of war with Iran. (Airlines have spent $6.66 billion on jet fuel in the month of May alone, an 84% increase over last year).

Battery charging infrastructure has received 80% of the funding, even as Tesla sales remain flat this year (after an 8% decline last year) and Ford, GM, Honda, Stellantis and others have written off more than $67 billion dollars on their EV divisions

But these same OEMs remain bullish on fuel cells, as does Toyota, Hyundai, Honda, BMW, and those automakers mentioned above. But they need the fueling infrastructure. They canâ€™t make vehicles without it.

In one year alone, China put in more than double the number hydrogen stations than California has built since 2010.

The current drivers of FCEVs love their cars but hate the fueling experience.

However, since Bosch, TrueZero and others have engineered current modern station designs to a point where they enjoy 95% uptime, it's time to allow hydrogen fuel cell and ICE transportation to flourish in the state of California.

Please fund fueling station infrastructure in the same way you've funded the BEV charging infrastructure.

We can't afford not to.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

John Michael Parkan