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From: Bruce Lasater
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Subject: Advocacy for California Tire Freedom: 26-TIRE-01 Proposal Impact
Date: Monday, August 3, 2026 11:43:20 AM

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Dear Chair Hochschild and Members of the California Energy Commission:

As a concerned resident of California, I wish to express my apprehension regarding the proposed Replacement Tire Efficiency Program, which could lead to higher tire prices, limit consumer options, and exclude specialized tire products.

Purchasing replacement tires is a critical safety decision often made without much lead time. Even minor price hikes can cause financial strain, particularly when replacing multiple tires simultaneously. Elevated costs might prompt drivers to defer replacing worn-out or damaged tires, thereby heightening safety risks.

The updated exemption criteria also fall short in protecting specialty tires. Genuine off-road and competition tires should not be sidelined due to restrictive technical criteria that do not accurately represent how these products are engineered, marketed, and utilized.

Prior to concluding the regulation, it is essential for the Commission to clearly articulate what the cost of compliant tires would be, using real-world retail prices and available products. Furthermore, it should evaluate if affordable tire models might vanish from the market, if the standards might shorten tire longevity, increase the replacement rate, or result in additional waste.

Drivers select tires based on multiple factors such as price, durability, traction, weather conditions, vehicle type, and intended use, not just on efficiency. It is important for Californians to maintain access to safe, suitable tires that match their vehicle preferences and financial plans.

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Thank you for taking my comments into account.

Sincerely,
Bruce Lasater
Palmdale, CA

From: Catherine Suiter
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: California Advocate Message: 26-TIRE-01: Ensure Tire Options for Our Drivers
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The updated exemptions do not adequately consider specialty tires. Legitimate off-road and competition tires should not be excluded due to strict technical specifications that do not accurately represent the design, marketing, and use of these products.

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The adjustments to exemptions still do not sufficiently safeguard specialty tires. Genuine off-road and competition tires should not be disqualified by strict technical criteria that fail to account for how they are developed, marketed, and employed.

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Date: Monday, August 3, 2026 12:30:58 PM

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I kindly urge the Commission to address these issues thoroughly prior to finalizing the regulation. California can indeed encourage energy efficacy without increasing expenses, limiting consumer options, or removing these products from drivers and enthusiasts.

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Drivers prioritize factors like price, traction, durability, climate conditions, vehicle type, and intended purpose over mere efficiency. Californians must retain access to safe tires that meet their requirements, financial capacities, and vehicle specifications.

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