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From: Chris Meneley
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Subject: Letter from a California Resident: 26-TIRE-01: Safeguard Tire Options for California Drivers
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026 8:41:00 AM

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Dear Chair Hochschild and California Energy Commission Members:

As a concerned Californian, I'm worried that the proposed Replacement Tire Efficiency Program might raise tire expenses, limit consumer options, and leave out crucial specialty items.

Obtaining replacement tires is an essential safety need for families, often required urgently. Any increase in price, even if minimal, can pose challenges, particularly when multiple tires need replacing simultaneously. Increased costs may also lead to postponing necessary tire replacements, heightening safety concerns.

The updated exemptions do not sufficiently safeguard specialty tires. Legitimate off-road and competition tires should not be disregarded due to limited technical specifications that do not accurately represent how these products are made, marketed, and used.

Before setting the regulations, the Commission should provide clear explanations of what compliant tires will cost based on current retail prices and existing products. It should also assess if cost-effective models might vanish from the market and whether these standards could reduce tire lifespan, increase replacement rates, or generate excess waste.

Tire choices are made by drivers considering price, traction, durability, weather conditions, vehicle type, and intended use, not solely on efficiency. Californians should maintain the ability to select safe tires that cater to their vehicles, needs, and financial situations.

I urge the Commission to address these concerns before finalizing the regulation. California can advance energy efficiency without driving up prices, limiting consumer choices, or removing products crucial for drivers and enthusiasts.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,
Chris Meneley
Paradise, CA

From: Brian Crawford
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: Letter from a Concerned California Resident: 26-TIRE-01: Ensuring Tire Options for California Motorists
Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026 12:43:53 PM

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Drivers select tires based on factors like price, traction, durability, weather suitability, vehicle type, and intended application, rather than efficiency alone. Californians should have continued access to safe tires that match their vehicles, requirements, and budgets.

I earnestly request that the Commission address these matters before finalizing the regulation. California can advance energy efficiency without escalating costs, curtailing consumer choice, or removing products relied upon by drivers and enthusiasts.

Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.

Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Wilson Crawford
Los Angeles, CA

From: Erick Amaya
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: California Citizen Correspondence: 26-TIRE-01: Ensuring Tire Choice for Drivers in California
Date: Friday, August 7, 2026 11:03:07 AM

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Dear Chair Hochschild and esteemed members of the California Energy Commission:

I am writing as a concerned resident of California regarding the proposed Replacement Tire Efficiency Program, which I believe could elevate tire prices, restrict consumer options, and overlook certain specialty products.

Replacement tires are crucial for safety, often purchased by families without much warning. Any price hike, however small, can pose challenges, particularly when multiple tires need changing. Increased costs might also lead drivers to hesitate replacing worn or damaged tires, potentially increasing safety hazards.

Furthermore, the updated exemptions fail to fully safeguard specialty tire categories. Legitimate off-road and competitive tires ought not be sidelined by technical standards that inadequately account for their unique design, market focus, and usage.

Prior to finalizing the regulation, the Commission should provide clarity on the cost of compliant tires using actual retail prices and existing product examples. Moreover, an evaluation is warranted to assess if reasonably priced models might vanish from the market, or if the standards could lead to reduced tire longevity, more frequent replacements, or increased waste.

Tire choices are influenced by a mix of factors such as price, grip, longevity, weather conditions, vehicle type, and intended application, rather than solely efficiency. Californians should retain the liberty to choose secure tires that suit their vehicles, needs, and financial abilities.

Therefore, I earnestly ask the Commission to address these points prior to setting the regulation in stone. California can support energy efficiency without adding financial burdens, limiting consumer choices, or phasing out products relied upon by drivers and enthusiasts alike.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,
Erick Amaya
Los Angeles, CA

From: Dana Clark
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: California Driver Alert: 26-TIRE-01: Ensure Tire Options Remain Available
Date: Saturday, August 8, 2026 8:31:31 AM

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Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,
Dana Clark
Aliso Viejo, CA

From: Steven Latey
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: Concerned California Driver: 26-TIRE-01 - Ensure Tire Selection Freedom
Date: Friday, August 7, 2026 9:08:54 PM

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Palmdale, CA

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The updated exemptions also inadequately safeguard specialty tires. Legitimate off-road and competition tires should not be excluded by restricted technical specifications that fail to acknowledge how these products are intended, sold, and utilized.

Prior to enacting the regulation, the Commission should thoroughly elucidate what compliant tires will cost, using existing retail prices and actual products as reference. It should also assess whether reasonably priced models might vanish from stores and if the standards could shorten tire longevity, compel more frequent replacements, or generate more waste.

Drivers select tires based on factors like price, traction, durability, weather suitability, vehicle type, and intended application, rather than efficiency alone. Californians should have continued access to safe tires that match their vehicles, requirements, and budgets.

I earnestly request that the Commission address these matters before finalizing the regulation. California can advance energy efficiency without escalating costs, curtailing consumer choice, or removing products relied upon by drivers and enthusiasts.

Thank you for your consideration of my remarks.

Sincerely,
Mr. Brian Wilson Crawford
Los Angeles, CA

From: Mike Granillo
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: Letter Regarding 26-TIRE-01: Safeguard Tire Options for Drivers in California
Date: Friday, August 7, 2026 6:58:33 AM

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Dear Chair Hochschild and Members of the California Energy Commission:

As a resident of California, I am worried about the impacts of the proposed Replacement Tire Efficiency Program on tire affordability, consumer options, and the availability of special tire products.

Replacement tires are critical safety-related purchases often made by families with little advance notice. Even a small increase in tire prices can cause financial strain, particularly when multiple tires need simultaneous replacement. Higher costs might lead drivers to delay changing worn-out tires, posing additional safety hazards.

The adjustments in the exemptions still fall short of adequately protecting specialty tires. Genuine off-road and racing tires should not be neglected via narrow technical stipulations that overlook how these items are developed, marketed, and utilized.

Before the regulation is completed, the Commission ought to transparently illustrate how prices for compliant tires compare using today's market offerings. It should assess whether budget-friendly options might vanish from the shelves and if the standards might decrease tire lifespan, leading to increased replacements and waste.

Tire selection by drivers depends on a range of factors like price, durability, weather, vehicle compatibility, and specific intent of use, rather than efficiency alone. Californians must retain access to safe tires that suit their vehicles, requirements, and financial situations.

I earnestly urge the Commission to address these problems before finalizing the regulation. It is possible for California to champion energy efficiency without heightening expenses, limiting consumer options, or phasing out products relied upon by drivers and enthusiasts.

Thank you for taking my comments into account.

Sincerely,
mike granillo
Acton, CA

From: Pete Mogg
To: [Energy - Docket Optical System](#)
Subject: California Resident Correspondence: 26-TIRE-01: Ensuring Tire Options for California Motorists
Date: Monday, August 10, 2026 10:50:41 AM

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Dear Chair Hochschild and California Energy Commission Members:

As a resident of California, I am worried that the proposed Tire Efficiency Program could raise the cost of tires, limit consumer options, and exclude legitimate specialty products.

Replacement tires are crucial safety investments that families often need to purchase without prior warning. Even a slight price increase can pose a challenge, particularly when replacing several tires simultaneously. Higher expenses might lead drivers to put off replacing worn or damaged tires, heightening safety concerns.

The updated exemptions still fail to properly protect specialty tires. Genuine off-road and competition tires should not be excluded due to narrow technical criteria that don't accurately represent how these products are designed, marketed, and utilized.

Prior to finalizing the rule, the Commission should clarify the cost of compliant tires using current market prices and existing products. It should also assess whether affordable variants might vanish from shelves, and whether the standards may reduce tire longevity, necessitate more frequent replacements, or increase waste.

Drivers select tires based on factors like price, traction, durability, weather resilience, vehicle type, and purpose, not solely on efficiency. Californians must continue to have access to safe tires that meet their vehicle needs, financial considerations, and personal requirements.

I respectfully ask the Commission to address these concerns before finalizing the rule. California can encourage energy efficiency without driving up expenses, limiting consumer options, or removing products used by drivers and enthusiasts.

Thank you for taking my feedback into account.

Sincerely,
Pete Mogg
Lakewood, CA