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Consumer Concerns Regarding Replacement Tire Efficiency Regulations

I am a California resident and motorist concerned about the Replacement Tire Efficiency Program. While I support reasonable safety and efficiency goals, I am concerned these regulations may unnecessarily reduce tire choices, increase costs, and limit access to products that consumers currently select based on price, performance, tread life, and driving conditions.

Californians depend heavily on vehicles for work and family needs. Consumers should retain reasonable freedom to choose replacement tires appropriate for their vehicles and budgets as long as those tires meet established safety standards.

I respectfully ask the Commission to carefully evaluate the effects of these requirements on tire affordability, product availability, competition, wet and dry performance, and consumer choice before implementation. I also encourage the Commission to consider less restrictive approaches that achieve efficiency goals without removing otherwise safe tires from the California market.