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Complaint Regarding New Tire Regulations

I am writing as a California resident and business owner to express my opposition to the new Replacement Tire Efficiency Program.

California families and small businesses are already dealing with high fuel prices, insurance costs, taxes, vehicle expenses, and the general cost of doing business. This regulation could further limit tire choices and increase the cost of replacing tires, especially for people who rely on affordable tires to keep their vehicles on the road.

Fuel efficiency is important, but the state should not force every consumer into a limited group of approved tires. Drivers have different needs based on vehicle type, mileage, loads, road conditions, durability, and budget. A tire that performs well in a laboratory may not necessarily provide the best value, tread life, or real-world performance for every driver.

I am also concerned that smaller tire manufacturers and lower-priced brands may leave the California market rather than pay for testing and compliance. This would reduce competition and could make tires more expensive and harder to obtain.

Please delay or reconsider this regulation and conduct a transparent, independent review of its effect on tire prices, product availability, tread life, safety, and small businesses. At a minimum, California consumers should continue to have the right to select affordable tires that meet existing federal safety standards.

California should focus on making transportation more affordable, not creating another mandate that could increase costs and reduce consumer choice.