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## **Support for light duty H2 filling stations**

I own a 2018 Toyota Mirai, and the vehicle has a range of about 260 miles per fill up. I wind up fueling up about once a week, but I have to take into account the fact that stations may be down, and I cannot get fuel in my own county, so I never let it drop below 100 miles of range just in case I have to go on a wild goose chase for fuel. I certainly would not trust using my car for a road trip to southern California since there is only one filling station in between the two metro areas on I-5, and none along the 101 or coastal routes. The number of hydrogen filling stations has actually decreased since I purchased my car in June 2023 with most stations in Sacramento and San Francisco closing, so I rarely go to either city anymore. My own county, Solano, has no hydrogen fueling stations, so I have to cross the bridge into Contra Costa County and pay a bridge toll just to fill up. In order to avoid the toll, I could go to Marin county, but there is only one station in Mill Valley. That machine is older and doesn't always work, and that alone is a 70 mile round trip just to get fuel. My husband cannot use the car to commute to work since Sonoma county also has no stations. The lack of affordable housing in the bay area makes commuting inevitable. The lack of H2 infrastructure makes driving long distances rather nerve wracking, so we end up using our Prius instead. The price has also increased from \$29/kg to 36\$/kg in the past year, which is financially unsustainable for most working class people once the fuel card runs out. The primary reason I see other Mirai drivers abandoning the car is not due to any problems with the vehicle itself, but with being unable to reliably access affordable fuel. Please invest in more H2 stations across California, especially near major highways, so that our non-local travel and work commutes can also be emissions free. I see numerous Tesla charging stations everywhere I go. It is unfair that Tesla and other electric vehicles get more access and financial support than fuel cell vehicles when both technologies help reduce emissions. Thank you!