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FCEV Refueling Stations for Light Duty Vehicles Sorely Needed

Just over a year into my Toyota Mirai ownership, I can honestly say that I greatly appreciate the many advantages this clean-energy FCEV offers my family. Echoing another owner who submitted to this docket, I wholeheartedly agree that the quick refueling times, suitability for apartment living, and capability for fast, long-distance travel are key benefits, similar to those of driving an ICE vehicle. However, unlike ICE vehicles, hydrogen fuel with ecologically responsible processing and distribution can help reduce our communities'™ dependence on fossil fuels, potentially making our state a leader in ecological sustainability.

This is why it is crucial to make substantial investments to expand the hydrogen station network for light-duty (LD) vehicles. Such investments will not only benefit current FCEV owners but also encourage more ICE vehicle owners to transition to the FCEV platform. The technology is here and holds strong potential, but the lack of refueling infrastructure is severely limiting its growth.

Like other concerned early adopters of the FCEV technology and its numerous environmental benefits I hope the CEC increases its support and funding for Light Duty hydrogen refueling stations and look forward to a future where generations of Californians can breathe easier.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this petition.

Kind Regards,
Chris Montante