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Please support increased investment in the hydrogen fueling infrastructure!

I am a driver of a Toyota Mirai and have been driving this zero-emission FCEV for 7 years now. There have been myriad challenges to fueling these Mirais I have driven, so I am writing to you today in hopes you will take action to ease that burden.

When I first got a Mirai, I was told the hydrogen infrastructure was expanding and could serve the cars on the road. However, I am deeply concerned about California's slow progress in achieving the goal of establishing 200 fueling stations. The June 7th discussion by the Clean Transportation Advisory Committee indicates that this objective is not a priority for the Commission or the Committee. The current limitations of the fueling network have significant impacts on my daily life. I must drive 15 miles each way to fuel my car and there is only one station in all of San Diego County.

It is particularly troubling to learn that the Commission has decided against future support for light-duty hydrogen stations and that previously allocated funds might be redirected to heavy-duty hydrogen stations or electric vehicle charging stations. This decision is unacceptable and short-sighted.

As an early adopter of zero-emission vehicles, I support California's clean vehicle goals and climate initiatives. However, it is apparent that the state favors EV options over FCEV. Currently, less than \$0.04 of every dollar invested by utility ratepayers is directed towards hydrogen infrastructure, with the majority being allocated to charging stations.

I respectfully urge the Commission and Advisory Committee to reconsider their stance and to reinstate support for the light-duty hydrogen fueling network. The funds previously earmarked for light-duty hydrogen stations should be reallocated to fulfill their original purpose, and future funding should be secured to ensure California meets its goal of 200 passenger stations.

Thank you for supporting this critical matter. Sincerely, Tracey Franks