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Proposal for Increased Investment in Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure

Hello,

I have been driving the Toyota Mirai for over 5 years now, and I truly appreciate the numerous benefits this clean-energy FCEV brings to my family, such as quick refueling, suitability for apartment living, and convenient long-distance travel. However, I urge the committee to consider substantial investment in expanding the hydrogen station network for light-duty vehicles in California. This expansion is crucial to encourage wider adoption of hydrogen technology, as the current lack of refueling infrastructure poses a significant challenge.

Having rented apartments for 25 years of my life, I understand that battery electric vehicles are another option for clean personal transportation. However, they are highly inconvenient for many Californians, including myself, due to the widespread lack of charging facilities. Despite extensive incentives and a nearly complete charging network, millions of Californians opt against purchasing battery electric cars. Therefore, achieving California's green transportation goals hinges on the success of hydrogen vehicles, contingent upon the establishment of a reliable and extensive hydrogen refueling network.

History has shown that initial investments in infrastructure, such as public highways for gasoline cars and charging stations for battery EVs, pay off by driving widespread technology adoption. The same principle applies to hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles, but only if we make the necessary initial investments.

Thank you, and I sincerely hope that the CEC increases its support and funding for LD hydrogen refueling stations.

Sincerely,
Grig Timofte