

August 24, 2022

The Honorable Bill Quirk
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 5120
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**SUBJECT: AB 2133 (QUIRK): 2030 GHG REDUCTION ACCELERATION
OPPOSE/**JOB KILLER** – AS AMENDED AUGUST 23, 2022
SCHEDULED FOR HEARING – AUGUST 25, 2022**

Dear Assemblymember Quirk:

The California Chamber of Commerce must respectfully **OPPOSE** your **AB 2133 (Quirk)** based upon the August 23, 2022 amendments and has identified this measure as a **JOB KILLER**. This bill was gut and amended to require statewide greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced to at least 55% below the 1990 level by December 31, 2030, which is a dramatic increase from the State's current goal of 40%.

This last-minute proposal, which was amended 8 days before the end of legislative session, undermines the existing public and transparent process at the California Air Resources Board (CARB), where hundreds of stakeholders have been engaged in a months-long inclusive Scoping Plan review.

Increasing the GHG 2030 emissions reduction target from 40% to 55% below the 1990 level, would require the state to remove an additional 17 million gasoline vehicles off the road by 2030, according to data developed by CARB. Additionally, CARB data shows that CARB's initial modeling of scenarios in this range concluded them to be "[economically and technically infeasible due to the current lack of low-carbon energy infrastructure, unavailability of technology, large job loss and high implementation costs.](#)"

At a time when Californians are suffering from nearly record high prices on many essential goods from groceries to gas, increasing costs is the wrong approach to take. It is vital to reconcile the recently released proposal with the proposals being vetted by the Board. Naturally the Legislature sets overall policy on these matters but has traditionally given great deference to the formal processes undertaken by the Air Board, which would be upended by a rushed consideration of this proposal.

We support climate change laws and regulations that are cost-effective, technology-neutral, and promote the use of market-based strategies to reduce GHGs. However, **AB 2133** does not take any of these into account and will lead to excessive costs, hurt California residents and businesses, and severely damage the State's economy.

For these reasons, we are **OPPOSED** to your **AB 2133 (Quirk)** as a **JOB KILLER**.

Sincerely,



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cc: Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor