



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
OF CALIFORNIA

April 3, 2024

The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4230
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 2266 – SUPPORT
As Introduced February 8, 2024**

Dear Assembly Member Petrie-Norris:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we are pleased to support your Assembly Bill 2266, regarding the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project. RCRC is an association of forty rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each member county.

AB 2266 would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to offer specified fleets a voucher under the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project to be used for the acquisition of medium- and heavy-duty zero emission vehicles. The Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulations require local government fleets, when adding to the fleet, to purchase zero-emission vehicles on a prescribed basis, with certain delayed requirements for small government fleets and those in designated low population counties.

Until the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides a preemption waiver to CARB, currently State and Local Government fleets are the only required fleets that must comply with ACF Regulations. Rural local governments have unique barriers to the financial feasibility of zero emission vehicles, including traveling longer distances and higher infrastructure and operating costs, and generally have lower budgets per capita than in more urban areas. AB 2266 will assist local agencies to comply with ACF Regulations and meet California's ambitious climate change goals.

For these reasons, RCRC supports your AB 2266. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at lkammerich@rcrcnet.org.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leigh Kammerich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leigh" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Kammerich".

LEIGH KAMMERICH
Policy Advocate

cc: The Honorable Lori Wilson, Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
Members of the Assembly Transportation Committee
Farra Bracht, Chief Consultant, Assembly Transportation Committee
Daniel Ballon, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus