

May 1, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 301 (PORTANTINO): VEHICULAR AIR POLLUTION: ZERO-EMISSION  
AFTERMARKET CONVERSION PROJECT, SUPPORT/JOB CREATOR – AS  
AMENDED MARCH 16, 2023**

Dear Senator Portantino:

The California Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support your **SB 301** (Portantino), as amended on March 16, 2023, which would provide a \$2,000 rebate to individuals who convert their gas- and diesel-powered vehicles to zero-emissions vehicles. We believe that **SB 301** represents a positive step towards easing the burden of the electrification transition that is currently underway. Further, **SB 301** would not only benefit the environment, but it would also promote manufacturing and create jobs here in California.

The transportation sector is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, and converting gas- and diesel-powered vehicles to zero-emissions vehicles can significantly reduce these emissions. This conversion process requires the production of new parts and components, such as electric motors, batteries, and charging infrastructure. By offering a rebate for zero-emissions vehicle conversions, we can incentivize the production of these parts and components in the state, which will lead to increased manufacturing and job creation in California.

In addition, the production of zero-emissions vehicle components for these conversions requires specialized skills and expertise, which will lead to the creation of high-paying, skilled jobs. As more individuals convert their cars and trucks to zero-emission vehicles, there will be increased demand for these components, leading to increased job growth in the manufacturing sector.

Furthermore, the increased production of zero-emissions vehicle components will lead to further innovation and technological advancement in the manufacturing sector. As manufacturers invest in new technologies and processes to produce these components more efficiently and cost-effectively, there will be new opportunities for research and development, leading to further job creation and economic growth.

CalChamber believes that offering a \$2,000 rebate for converting gas- and diesel-powered vehicles to zero-emission vehicles would be a significant step forward in promoting manufacturing and creating jobs here in California. **SB 301** is a logical step in the right direction of our electrification transition, providing consumers with more options for electrification while also spurring job growth here in California.

For these reasons, Cal Chamber **SUPPORTS SB 301**.

Sincerely,



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cc: Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor