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JOB KILLER

March 13, 2023

TO: Members, Senate Committee on Environmental Quality

**SUBJECT: SB 12 (STERN): 2030 GHG REDUCTION ACCELERATION
 OPPOSE/JOB KILLER - AS INTRODUCED DECEMBER 5, 2022
 SCHEDULED FOR HEARING – MARCH 15, 2023**

The California Chamber of Commerce and the organizations listed must respectfully **OPPOSE SB 12 (STERN)**, as introduced, which CalChamber has labeled a **JOB KILLER**. This bill would 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% during the same time frame.

California businesses and residents suffer from an affordability crisis, created in large part by the state’s escalating energy costs. California has some of the highest commercial and industrial electricity rates and highest gasoline and diesel prices in the country. We remain supportive of technologically neutral solutions that can help us achieve our shared objectives, but it is necessary to balance that with our ability to compete economically, and to understand how these ambitious goals impact the pocketbooks of California residents.

This proposal undermines the existing public and transparent process that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently adopted, where hundreds of stakeholders engaged in a months-long inclusive Scoping Plan review. During that process stakeholders made clear that the transition to a clean energy future will require a deliberate and thoughtful approach to ensure that we are appropriately balancing affordability with reliability. Unfortunately, this proposal does not carry that degree of nuance, but rather sets an ambitious target on top of a target that the LAO suggests lacks a clear strategy to achieve our 2030 goals.

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. As we transition to a cleaner energy future it is imperative that we fully understand the impacts that a transition will have on every sector of our economy. That granular analysis has typically been undertaken by CARB. This proposal bypasses that analysis and foregoes the necessary and deliberate steps that should accompany a proposal of this nature that will impact every sector of California's economy.

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, **SB 12** 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 **SB 12 (STERN)** as a **JOB KILLER**.

Sincerely,



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