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April 12, 2018

Hon. Jim Frazier
Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1745 (Ting) re: Clean Cars 2040 Act – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Frazier.

On behalf of the chambers of commerce that comprise the United Chamber Advocacy Network of California (UCAN) and their nearly 4800 combined members, I am writing to express our opposition to Assembly Bill 1745 (Ting) which prohibits vehicle registration for automobiles with combustible engines by 2040.

In a recent joint membership survey, the UCAN chambers asked “what is the top issue impacting your business’ bottom line?” It was no surprise that burdensome governmental regulations was the top response of members, followed by taxes, HR policy and the state’s overall business climate.

The purchase and operation of trucks and automobiles is a fundamental business practice for most business operations in California. Moreover, transportation costs associated with the movement and delivery of goods and services is a significant cost to businesses, only after the cost of personnel and facilities.

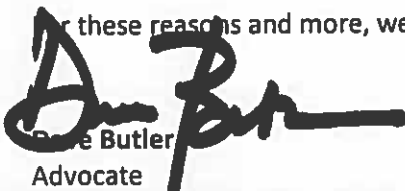
This arbitrary prohibition of the use of combustible engines in California will invariably increase costs for businesses in our state and increase the cost of goods to consumers – both of which adversely impact California’s overall economy, business climate and competitive advantage against competitor states.

Moreover, by prohibiting the use of combustible engines, the state will essentially mandate the use of vehicles powered with alternative sources of energy, which inherently reduces competition in the automobile marketplace, which further drives up the costs of vehicles. It’s a simple supply and demand effect.

State policymakers would be better advised to provide incentives to business owners to adopt alternative energy vehicles and allow the market to serve this demand via competition.

California has made great strides in efforts to improve air quality and these efforts should be applauded. AB 1745 calls for an arbitrary ban on a fundamental element of the state’s economic engine.

For these reasons and more, we respectfully urge your “NO” vote on AB 2596.



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