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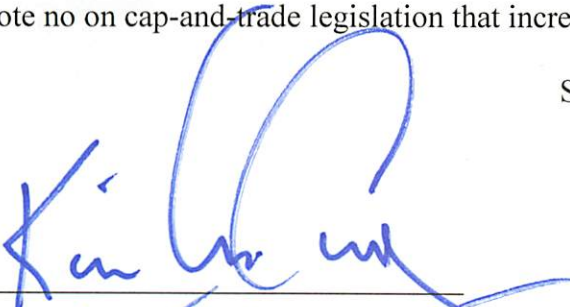
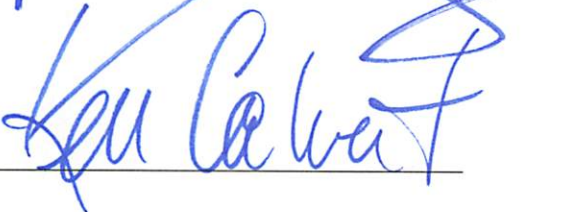
To GOP Members of the California State Legislature:



On the Federal level, we have been focused on undoing the many arbitrary and burdensome regulations and policies from the last Administration that have both inadvertently and purposefully increased the burdens on everyday Californians. That is why we are writing to urge you to fight against these types of regulations and policies that are now being proposed in the statehouse – particularly the Democrat-led push to extend and expand cap-and-trade – which will only exacerbate the extraordinary gas tax increase pushed through by Sacramento Democrats set to take effect this November.

Current cap-and-trade proposals being discussed in Sacramento lead to only one thing – raising more taxes on California drivers and families so that Sacramento has more money to spend wastefully. One of the beneficiaries of this wasteful spending is the California High Speed Rail Authority, which is salivating at the opportunity to find more revenue to fund its flawed business plan to build a bullet train to nowhere. California Republicans in Washington and in Sacramento remain united in opposition to this boondoggle. Previous attempts to fund the project through cap-and-trade revenues have been disappointing, which is why we must now ensure this does not pass or else California taxpayers will be doubly harmed – having to pay more in gas taxes for cap-and-trade, and then watching those taxes get wasted by high-speed rail bureaucrats.

Californians are counting on both their State representatives and their Federal representatives to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. We join your fight against policies that further make our Golden State more unaffordable to Californians, which is why we urge you to vote no on cap-and-trade legislation that increases taxes and wasteful spending.

Sincerely,

  
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