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To Whom It May Concern

I'm very supportive of a properly administered gas tax. The tax could be administered with appropriate credits to even the impact on those with lower incomes. Some or all could be rebated against the income tax to achieve net revenue gains or revenue neutrality if that becomes feasible.

To remind you. Driving is a subsidized behavior as is consumption of dirty fuels used when driving. Fees charged directly to drivers do not recover the full costs of driving. The impacts of pollution and green house gases are not fully mitigated and their costs are unrecovered as well.

Solar, wind, and electric cars are emerging in California. In 2007, with the help of credits, we purchased a solar system which produces all our home electric needs. My wife intends to buy a hybrid, and I am waiting for an electric car due next year. We can do this.

In Menlo Park, nearby Tesla motors represents the possible emergence of the electric car and clean energy industry in Silicon Valley.

Leveling the playing field between clean and dirty fuels does not ultimately cost the State, it saves the state money, it begins the end of carbon emissions from dirty fuels, and starts the next economic boom based on cheap, clean energy.

Because the Obama administration is once again recognizing the California EPA emissions variance, and because no fewer than twelve states set their standards according to the California standard, California is setting de fact national and world policy for the auto industry. Save California, save the world.

Washington lacks the courage and insight to do what the California assembly has the power to do -- level the economic playing field for clean and dirty fuels by eliminating subsidies for dirty fuels.

Have the courage to do this.

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