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Business Community Applauds Legislators' Leadership for Requesting Delay of Costly "Hidden Gas Tax"

Cite concerns that putting fuels under the cap-and-trade program will hurt businesses and hardworking Californians

(SACRAMENTO)—Business advocates from across the state, including members of Californians Against Higher Taxes (CAHT), have come together to applaud the leadership of 16 Democrats in the State Legislature and lend support to their call for a delay of a new California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulation that will put transportation fuels under the cap-and-trade program, which politicians and experts agree will increase the cost of gasoline by at least 16 cents per gallon.

"Businesses throughout the state know just how dangerous a double-digit hidden gas tax will be on the economy and their employees. We are thankful that these and other legislators recognize how much this new hidden tax will hurt hardworking Californians and the business community, and are pleased to join them and others in a bipartisan effort to delay the implementation of this hidden gas tax, which could derail the state's economic recovery," said Beth Miller, spokesperson for Californians Against Higher Taxes.

Many [Democratic](#) members of the Assembly as well as the vast majority of the [Republican](#) Assembly Caucus have sent letters to CARB and/or the governor asking for a delay in putting transportation fuels under the cap and trade program because it will hurt the state's economy and especially harm low- and middle-income residents struggling to make ends meet.

According to the business community's letter, which is signed by more than 20 business groups including the California Chamber of Commerce, LA Area Chamber of Commerce, California Business Roundtable, California Trucking Association and the CalAsian Chamber of Commerce, CARB's own economic analysis cites "fuel costs will increase a minimum of 16 cents per gallon" and "expanding the cap-and-trade program to include transportation fuels will hit low-income and middle-income families along with small businesses the hardest."

[Click here to read](#) a copy of the letter from the business community to Assemblyman Henry Perea and his colleagues who are calling for a delay in implementing the new hidden tax.

To learn more about the hidden gas tax, please visit www.morejobsnottaxes.com.