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Dear Members of the Board,

This policy is being sold as a bold step toward a cleaner future. But who's actually benefiting from it—and who's paying the price?

Let's zoom out. This mandate doesn't come from a groundswell of public demand. It didn't emerge from debate in the legislature. It's being moved through a regulatory process most people don't even know exists—driven by those with the money, time, and access to push their agenda forward.

It's easy to say “we're saving the planet.” But real climate policy has to be democratic, accountable, and rooted in material reality—not just optics. This rule shifts the burden onto people with the fewest resources: folks who rely on older vehicles, who don't have garages or charging stations, who can't afford to trade up just because a policy says it's time.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can aim for cleaner air and economic fairness. But that starts by acknowledging who really gets helped—and who gets hurt—by the choices we make.

Please vote no.

Respectfully,
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