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To the Pollution Control Board,

I don't have time to follow every policy debate. I'm just trying to keep up—work, bills, family, life. Like a lot of people I know, I'm stretched thin. And this mandate feels like one more thing being added to the pile.

I'm not against cleaner air or better technology. But I can't help but feel like this rule was written by people who aren't living like the rest of us. People who don't have to worry about whether their car will last another year. Or whether they'll be able to afford whatever "compliant" vehicle replaces it.

This isn't just about the environment—it's about what's fair. A mandate like this, passed without the public having a real say, is going to hit hardest for people who already feel like they're barely keeping up.

I hope you'll take a step back and ask: does this really help the people it's supposed to? Because from where I'm standing, it doesn't feel that way

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