



July 19, 2022

The Honorable Chris Holden, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, A 95814

Re: SB 1010 (Skinner) Zero Emission Vehicles – Public Fleets

Dear Chair Holden and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations, we are writing to indicate our support for Senate Bill 1010 (SB 1010, Skinner) regarding state-owned vehicle fleets. SB 1010 would advance California's efforts to protect public health and the environment by expanding public fleets of zero-emission vehicles.

Largely due to transportation pollution, California is home to the nation's most difficult air pollution challenges, with climate change making the job of cleaning the air more difficult. Poor air quality in the form of ozone and particle pollution is widespread and contributes to asthma attacks, heart attacks and strokes, lung cancer and a range of health impacts, including approximately 7,500 premature deaths annually in California. Children, seniors, lower-income communities, communities of color and those living with existing health conditions are often at greater risk. To achieve health-protective clean air and climate standards, California must accelerate the shift to non-combustion technologies across the transportation sector.

SB 1010 would show California's leadership by example, putting more zero-emission vehicles on the road sooner to protect public health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This bill would require half of the medium- and heavy-duty vehicles purchased by the Department of General Services (DGS) and state agencies to be zero-emissions by 2024, and for 100 percent of new purchases to be zero-emissions by 2027. For light-duty vehicles added to the state fleet, 100 percent would be required to be zero-emission as of the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Our organizations support this important legislation to expand the state zero-emission vehicle fleet in order to reduce emissions, protect health and support a healthy climate. Please contact Will Barrett at William.Barrett@Lung.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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