



August 25, 2015

The Honorable Jimmy Gomez, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: **SB 350 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Gomez:

The undersigned organizations representing small businesses, taxpayers, consumers and major employers respectfully oppose SB 350, a key provision of which is the mandatory fifty-percent

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reduction in petroleum consumption in our state by 2030.

While the goal of this legislation - further reducing greenhouse gas emissions - is admirable, the proposed draconian cuts in the use of petroleum fuels are not only infeasible but a threat to our state's economy as well.

Ample laws and regulations aimed at addressing climate change, including AB 32, have already placed California far ahead of the rest of the country in terms of increasing the use and availability of renewable fuels, but that accomplishment has also resulted in disproportionately higher energy costs for Golden State businesses and consumers. SB 350 would impose an unfunded mandate likely to widen that cost and competitiveness gap even more.

This outcome is made significantly more likely by SB 350's assignment of responsibility for meeting its goals to the California Air Resources Board, an unelected body with a history of advocating the use of "price signals" to force the cost of conventional fuels unnecessarily higher in order to artificially build a market for alternative energy sources that are either cost-ineffective or insufficiently available to meet the state's energy needs. There is ample reason to believe that authorizing CARB to develop, adopt and enforce regulations to reduce petroleum usage by fifty-percent will have unacceptable negative impacts on every sector of the California economy.

We are confident that these unintended consequences were not your desired goal in introducing this legislation, but they are the reason we must oppose SB 350.

We are supportive of the goal of continued greenhouse gas reduction, and would welcome the opportunity to work with you on policies that will help California achieve that goal without imposing unacceptable cost increases and supply uncertainties on the businesses, families and consumers of our state.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Organizations

Associated Builders and Contractors of  
California  
California Construction Trucking Association  
California Independent Oil Marketers  
Association  
California Independent Petroleum  
Association

Biz Fed-Los Angeles County Business  
Federation  
California Small Business Alliance  
California Small Business Association  
Coastal Energy Alliance  
Coalition of Energy Users  
Fullerton Association of Concerned  
Taxpayers

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Organizations (Continued)

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association  
Independent Oil Producers Agency  
Industrial Association of Contra Costa County  
Inland Empire Economic Partnership  
International Warehouse Logistics  
Association  
Kern Citizens for Energy  
Kern Citizens for Sustainable Government  
Kern County Taxpayers Association  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
National Association of Royalty Owners  
National Association of Royalty Owners -  
California  
National Federation of Independent  
Business/California

Orange County Business Council  
Orange County Taxpayers Association  
Placer County Taxpayers Association  
Regional Hispanic Chambers of Commerce  
San Diego Tax Fighters  
Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association  
Santa Barbara Technology and Industry  
Association  
Small Business Action Committee  
South Bay Association of Chambers of  
Commerce  
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association  
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

Businesses

R. Merante Corporation  
Barnhart Crane  
BHI Energy|WeldTech  
Bigge Crane and Rigging Co.  
BSK Associates Engineers & Laboratories  
Braun Electric Co.  
Apex Envirotech, Inc.  
Cardno  
Cat-Spec, Ltd.  
Eichleay  
Elite Turnaround Specialists Ltd.  
Eureka Strategies  
FarWest Corrosion Control Company  
Field Specialties Inc.  
IMTT  
Kleinfelder  
Lockwood International  
MW Bit Service Inc.

MILCO Constructors, Inc.  
Patriot Environmental Services, Inc.  
PetroChem  
POLY CORR INDUSTRIES  
PTS Staffing Solutions  
RECON Engineering & Construction, Inc.  
Roberts Companies  
Safway Group  
Spectra  
Stronghold, Ltd.  
Sun Engineering Services, Inc.  
The Termo Company  
Total-American Investment Company  
Total-Western, Inc.  
United Riggers and Erectors, Inc.  
U.S. Metals  
Van Tarver Group