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Good Morning Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

This letter is regarding the SB 19-053, California Motor Vehicle Emission Standards bill. I support Senator Cooke in his efforts to prohibit the air control commission for adopting air quality control standards for motor vehicles that are MORE SRINGENT than federal standards.

As a volunteer fire chief, these air quality emission standards would considerably raise the cost of purchasing fire vehicles for our departments. A cost that would be enough to consider to not replace the fleet and be a disservice to the fire department.

The wave of new electric vehicles (EV) and hybrids has already reached over thirty different models/manufacturers. With these new cars on the road and possibly in car accidents, first responders need the extra training and understanding of how to "power down" an EV vehicle to stabilize and attend to the emergency and patients in the EV.

Since the California standards are more stringent that federal standards, the push to increase EV's, we will be seeing more of these cars in rural communities. Seeing the increase in cost for the standards to be placed will be punishing those of us that live in rural Colorado. There would be additional cost to the larger and commercial trucks that we use everyday for our livelihoods. That could cost our livelihoods.

It is an unnecessary cost.

Please vote Yes for SB19-053 and keep the air quality control standards at the federal level.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Brita Horn", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Brita Horn  
Fire Chief