



Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Josselyn Quine
Date: March 7, 2025
Subject: Call to Action – SB 496

CSDA has issued an important “Call to Action” on SB 496 and respectfully request our District to send a letter of support. Below you will find the information. A sample letter is attached.

SB 496:

On October 1, 2023, CARB’s Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation took effect. This mandate, among other things, generally requires a phased transition of medium- and heavy-duty fleets from internal combustion engines (ICEs) to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2045.

These regulations are having a significant effect on state and local government agencies, by increasing the amount of reporting required annually for all vehicles added to and removed from a state or local government agency’s fleet, the unfunded procurement of new technologies, and the development of the infrastructure needed to service these new technologies, while still meeting the same the performance as current technologies.

[SB 496 \(Hurtado\)](#) will protect communities and provide relief to local agencies by:

- SB 496 establishes an Appeals Advisory Committee by which local agencies may request a review of exemption request denials. This ensures transparency while protecting due process for those seeking further review.
- Additionally, SB 496 would update the emergency vehicle exemption, allowing those vehicles that respond to and support critical operations related to emergencies and disasters, often under austere conditions, to continue to protect our communities.
- SB 496 also modifies the requirements of the daily usage exemption, removing barriers for the applicant to comply with the mandate.
- Finally, this measure promotes affordability amid rapidly rising cost pressures on essential local services by averting the costly acquisition of ZEVs before it is possible to install the infrastructure required to use them.

[Date]

The Honorable Melissa Hurtado
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6510
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Senate Bill 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets – Support [As Introduced]

Dear Senator Hurtado:

The [Agency Name] is pleased to support your Senate Bill 496, related to the Advanced Clean Fleets mandates. [Insert a brief description of your agency, particularly the services it provides.]

Local agencies like ours continue to do our part in achieving the State's climate and emissions goals. SB 496 will enable us to better meet this challenge and effectively navigate the current Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) mandates and their associated ambitious compliance deadlines. Of critical concern to our community, the ACF mandates on local agencies are creating unnecessary challenges in complying while maintaining the many critical services Californians rely upon for their most essential daily needs as well as during emergencies and disasters.

SB 496 will provide some relief to local agencies by establishing an Appeals Advisory Committee by which local agencies may request a review of exemption request denials. This ensures transparency while protecting due process for those seeking further review.

Additionally, SB 496 would update the emergency vehicle exemption, allowing those vehicles that respond to and support critical operations related to emergencies and disasters, often under austere conditions, to continue to protect our communities.

SB 496 also modifies the requirements of the daily usage exemption, removing barriers for the applicant to comply with the mandate. Moreover, the legislation promotes affordability amid rapidly rising cost pressures on essential local services by averting the costly acquisition of ZEVs before it is possible to install the infrastructure required to use them.

These improvements to the ACF will protect the health and safety of Californians, avoid unnecessary costs detrimental to our shared long-term goals, and ensure that local agencies can continue to work diligently to decarbonize their fleet operations and comply with the ACF without being penalized for factors beyond their control. For these reasons [Agency Name] is pleased to support your Senate Bill 496. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Printed Name]

[Title]

[Agency Name]

CC: [Your local Senator]

[Your local Assembly Member]

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