

ARB Innovative Clean Transit

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Dear Air Resources Board Members,

The ARB has a huge opportunity to combat pollution, fight climate change, and help the economy—all at once. As a Californian who cares about the air I breathe and the opportunities available to my community, I am writing to urge you to use the Innovative Clean Transit rulemaking process to mandate all California transit agencies to transition to entirely zero-emission bus fleets by 2040.

As California finds itself amid a climate crisis, struggling with some of the dirtiest air in the nation, only zero-emission technologies will allow us to reach our clean air and climate goals.

With zero tailpipe emissions, electric buses can clean up our air and prevent further harm to our climate. Beyond their environmental and health benefits, electric buses are good business for California.

California is already the electric bus manufacturing capital of the nation, bringing thousands of good jobs to our state. Assemblers, electricians and EV-service technicians are needed to manufacture and maintain buses for the one third of all California transit buses that agencies have already committed to electrify by 2040 or sooner.

As you decide the future of our state's public transit, I hope you choose a future of clean air and economic opportunity for all Californians.

Best,
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