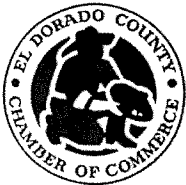


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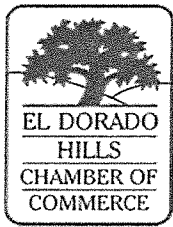
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Re: OPPOSE –AB 1 (Frazier): Transportation Funding

Dear Assembly member Frazier,


On behalf of El Dorado County Joint Chamber Commission, representing thousands of businesses, we would like to express our strong opposition for Assembly Bill 1.

Despite the tremendous need to address transportation infrastructure in California, we must regrettably oppose Assembly Bill 1. This measure will raise gas taxes and fees, fundamentally hurting the middle class and low income communities. Californians already pay billions of dollars in transportation taxes and fees. Unfortunately, this funding is currently being diverted to non-transportation items.

Our roads and transportation infrastructure are more than half a century old. While Assembly Bill 1 aims to resolve these issues, it does so by asking Californians to pay more. Drivers in our state already pay the nation's highest gas tax and second highest gas prices overall, but roads and highways remain poor and traffic congestion continues to worsen. The state budget has grown significantly over the last decade, but funding for transportation has remained stagnant. The consequence of the status quo is higher costs for motorists to operate their vehicles and too much time spent idle in traffic, which costs our economy billions and disproportionately hurting low-income families.

Assembly Bill 1 could cost families in California hundreds of dollars in additional taxes and fees. The legislature should be focused on restoring the promise to California taxpayers, ensuring that dollars they have spent on transportation costs are used for their intended purpose. This measure does the opposite, asking taxpayers for additional dollars in funding when the Legislature has already proven their lack of financial responsibility. Please vote no on Assembly Bill 1.

Sincerely,


Laurel Brent-Bumb, A.C.E.
Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of;

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Cc: Assemblyman Frank Bigelow