

California families with limited resources and small businesses are still facing the aftermath of the pandemic and record-high inflation. Now the state is planning on imposing new mandates that will further hurt these communities in their latest plan to develop climate policies.

Inequities are built into the California Air Resources Board's draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update. The plan would rely on a single source of energy – electrification – instead of using science and innovation to develop a diverse portfolio on the path to a greener California that everyone can afford and benefit from.

CARB's Scoping Plan needs to be affordable, reliable, and equitable

The California Air Resources Board released a draft plan that could enforce unfair regulations on Californians. All scenarios within the "Scoping Plan" overlook billions of dollars in damage to California's economy, the loss of jobs, and other fallout – especially in the following communities:

- **Rural and Agricultural** – Rural communities do not have the infrastructure to support millions of electric vehicles (EVs) and will have to travel long distances to find charging. The state also wants to reduce "vehicle miles travelled" by 22% by 2045, hitting people living and working in rural areas harder – especially agricultural workers, who lack reliable access to public transportation. People living in hot, inland areas need a reliable supply of affordable electricity – especially in the summer – and this plan falls well short of ensuring that; the electric grid is already struggling.
- **Disadvantaged** – The mandates will make EVs and other vehicles more expensive and will increase energy costs disproportionately hurting the people who can least afford it. Additionally, minority, low- and moderate-income workers will be hit hardest because they commute farther to work.
- **Small Businesses** – Small businesses are still recovering from COVID disruptions. Every scenario in the Plan would require them to spend money that they don't have to pay for higher utility costs and EVs and worksite charging infrastructure.

This Plan Will Leave Californians Vulnerable

- **Unreliable Grid** – California's electricity grid can't keep up with the supply and demand of our current energy usage. Yet this Plan puts even more pressure on the grid that would risk leaving millions without power due to power shutoffs.
- **Food Insecurity** – Farmers could be forced to rely on electric vehicles and equipment for farmers to produce and transport food. Power outages paired with higher energy costs will make food more expensive at the grocery store.
- **Eliminates Choice** – Dictating types of cars ignores the needs of people who don't have easy access to EV chargers at home or work and is insensitive to those who must travel long distances.

CALIFORNIA MUST DO BETTER.
If our climate policies only benefit the affluent residents near the coast, we are doing it wrong.