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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 630 (Cooper)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 630 (Cooper) that once again creates another government program to artificially boost the electric vehicle market by creating the Clean Cars 4 All Program.

As someone who has owned a number of electric vehicles, I can attest to their positive attributes, but they indeed tend to be more costly than other high mileage vehicles currently on the market. Additionally, the existing state incentives for the purchase of an electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid are substantial, and I believe it is a mistake to rush into creating a new costly program to be administered by the Air Resources Board which cannot seem to accurately measure success or failure of existing programs under its authority.

Further, I am highly concerned that this legislation will be a magnet for fraud. Given the language of the bill, it appears clear that cars from out of state or salvaged vehicles could be turned in and substantial amounts of money would be paid by the State of California in order to allow the person turning in a used vehicle to purchase an electric vehicle. We saw a very similar problem with the Beverage Container Recycling Program.

For these and many other reasons, I am hopeful that you will veto AB 630. The requirement that 15.4% of all vehicles sold by 2025 be electric or plug-in hybrid is entirely self-imposed, and this legislation will not help the state meet that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone  
State Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> District