

IWV Comments on the Benefits of Freeing Virginia from California's Unworkable EV Mandate

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Dear Committee Members:

My name is Gabriella Hoffman and I'm director of the Center for Energy and Conservation at the Independent Women's Voice.

Untethering Virginia from California's emissions regulations and electric vehicle mandates is good policy. Virginians, like their fellow Americans, aren't warming up to forced EV adoption. Phasing out sales of new gas-powered cars by **2035** is an unworkable **goal** that presents risks to energy safety. Drivers are skeptical of purchasing EVs – citing range issues, high costs, and long charging times. That's why Virginians should choose the best car for them and their families.

Independent Women's Voice thanks the committee for considering our testimony.

Respectfully,

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