

Old Car Emissions Exemption Threatened in 8 California Counties; Hearing Scheduled for April 1

Legislation (S.B. 1549) has been introduced in the California State Senate by Senator Dean Florez (senator.florez@sen.ca.gov) to repeal the state's current emissions test exemption for pre-1976 vehicles registered by new owners in the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District.

The District includes eight counties in California's Central Valley: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the valley portion of Kern. Under the bill, after Jan. 1, 2009, new owners seeking to register a pre-1976 vehicle in these eight counties would be subject to emissions tests for the life of the vehicle. S.B. 1549 is scheduled to be considered by the California Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on April 1, 2008. **We Urge You to Call, E-Mail or Fax Senator Florez and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee (List Attached) Immediately to Oppose S.B. 1549**

- Existing law in California exempts all pre-1976 vehicles from emissions testing.
- California's current emissions testing exemption recognizes the minimal impact of pre-1976 motor vehicles on emissions and air quality.
- Pre-1976 vehicles constitute a small and shrinking portion of the overall vehicle population in California and are a poor source from which to look for further emissions reductions.
- Pre-1976 antique and classic vehicles are overwhelmingly well-maintained.
- Repeal of the exemption in the San Joaquin Valley could lead the Legislature to target other areas in the state in the future.
- Legislators and regulators are again feeling the heat from a failed effort to meet air quality goals and are looking for a convenient scapegoat. The old car hobby should not carry the burden of their mistakes, as it has in previous amendments to the old car exemption!

Please phone, fax or e-mail Senator Florez to express your opposition to S.B. 1549. Senator Florez can be reached at: E-Mail: Senator.Florez@sen.ca.gov

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