

SHOULD CALIFORNIA MAKE OUR LAWS?

California has a terrible smog problem. So, 40 years ago, lawmakers in Sacramento responded with rigid and complicated air pollution regulations.

The Minnesota Legislature is considering the California Vehicle Emissions Bill, a plan to require us to follow California in lockstep. The bill requires us to adopt regulations "identical to" California's *current* and *future* vehicle emissions standards.¹

That means *unelected bureaucrats* on the California Air Resources Board will make decisions for Minnesota with *no accountability to Minnesota taxpayers*.

California Air Resources Board will not accept Minnesota representation on its board, nor will it come to MN to seek public input from Minnesotans.²



THE REALITIES IN CALIFORNIA SACRIFICE IN EXCHANGE FOR POOR RESULTS

Flex fuel vehicles are designed to run on blends of gasoline and ethanol. They provide consumers the choice to use E85 fuel, which is renewable, reduces dependence on foreign oil, and dramatically reduces greenhouse gas emissions.³ Minnesota has committed over \$300 million to support E85 as a viable alternative fuel.⁴



- California is *dead last* in the U.S. in per capita flex-fuel vehicle registrations.
- Minnesota is #2 on the list of states with the most flex-fuel vehicles per capita.⁵
- Californians are unable to buy many popular models of flex fuel vehicles.
- Minnesotans are able to buy what they please.⁶

Californians cannot register new vehicles unless they are "California Certified." Minnesotans are free to drive any vehicle they want.⁷

Even after attempting to manage their own air quality for the last 40 years, California still has the worst pollution problems in the nation.

The American Lung Association just issued its annual report on America's most polluted cities.

- California has 10 of the nation's 25 most polluted cities.
- Minnesota has 0.⁸

WHY FOLLOW? WITHOUT THE CALIFORNIA RULES WE STILL MAKE EXCELLENT PROGRESS

VEHICLE EFFICIENCY IMPROVES EVERY YEAR. NATIONWIDE,
ALL NEW VEHICLES WILL BE 40% MORE EFFICIENT WITH
30% FEWER GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2020.⁹



**WE DON'T NEED CALIFORNIA
REGULATIONS HERE IN
MINNESOTA.**

Tell your legislator:
**CALIFORNIA POLITICIANS
SHOULD NOT GOVERN MINNESOTA.
REJECT HF863/SF481**

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¹HF 863 (Hortman)/SF 481 (Marty), 2008 Minnesota Legislature. ² Public testimony of Tom Cackette, Executive Director of California Air Resources Board, April 7, 2008. ³ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Smart Way, Grow and Go Fact Sheet, Nov. 5, 2007. ⁴ MN Department of Agriculture Budgets. ⁵ National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, 2007 Flex Fuel Vehicle registrations as a percentage of total vehicle registrations. ⁶ Varies according to manufacturer. ⁷ California Air Resources Board. ⁸ American Lung Association, State of the Air Report, May 1, 2008. ⁹ U.S. Department of Transportation.