

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California
Sacramento, Ca 95814

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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We appreciate your leadership in combating air pollution and climate change. We also congratulate you for being known as our "Green Governor." Your support of legislation to combat tailpipe emissions makes us proud to live in this environmentally progressive and technologically advanced state.

Unfortunately, California's green, cutting-edge technological reputation may be about to get tarnished. On March 27 California Air Resources Board (CARB) will vote on a new Zero Emissions Vehicle Program. It appears that the Board may once again discourage the production of battery electric vehicles by favoring other technologies that are not as currently viable. We cannot let this happen! Electric cars, if given a chance, can work right now to clean our air as well as address global warming and climate change. Californians do not have to wait for futuristic automotive technologies to be perfected.

We are a perfect example of this reality. Our 2002 Toyota RAV4 EV is powered by the solar photovoltaic system on our home's roof. And this is the exciting part: We offset approximately 40,000 pounds of greenhouse gases each and every year. We are two California citizens, Governor Schwarzenegger, that are actually helping to meet your goals in the fight against global warming by driving an electric car powered by solar panels. Would you please inspire CARB to give other Californians the same choice? We would love to see more people experience the nearly oil-free life-style that we get to live every day.

We look forward to the day when you actually turn the key to your brand new, all-electric Tesla roadster. On that day you will truly understand the remarkable power that electric vehicles have to literally move your dream of a cleaner, more climatically stable California into present-day reality.

Sincerely,

Norma and Alan Williamson
Cerritos, California

