



March 15, 2021

The Honorable Laura Friedman
 Chair, Assembly Committee on Transportation
 Legislative Office Building
 1020 N Street, Room 112
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 220 (Voepel): Smog check: exemption – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Friedman:

On behalf of the above business organizations in the Inland Empire, we write to express our support for AB 220, which would exempt motor vehicles manufactured prior to 1983 from the smog check requirement for the purpose of registering the vehicle with the DMV.

AB 220 is not suggesting major changes; rather updating the model year of the vehicle to stay relatively modern while still allowing a substantial gap by the definition of a “classic or antique car” as it pertains to the smog check requirement. AB 2683 (Lieber, Chapter 704, Statutes of 2004), which eliminated the 30-year rolling exemption, recognized that smog check testing does not make sense for certain vehicles such as collector cars. California law needs to be adjusted to continue to provide relief for vehicles such as classic cars that are rarely driven. The smog check program is

intended to target vehicles that are driven as a primary vehicle. Insurance requirements on classic cars ensure that they are not primary vehicles and cannot be driven more than 2,500 miles per year.

We often overlook how owners of collector cars, hot rods, low riders, vintage trucks, and all the other segments of the collector-car hobby contribute to our local economies. The combined financial contribution of the various collector-car interests and the automotive aftermarket, and those businesses that rely on them, is truly enormous. Demand for reproduction parts and restoration parts has generated, and continues to generate, great growth, not only for the companies that produce and sell these components but also for the companies that feed off them. It is clear to see that the entire automotive industry has had a positive impact on the communities in which these parts manufacturers and suppliers are located. California has recognized over the years the need for this industry and should update its laws to ensure its continued success.

For these reasons and others, we urge your support of AB 220. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our position in greater detail, please contact Luis Portillo at 909-944-2201 or by email at lportillo@ieep.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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