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THE IMPORTANCE OF CALIFORNIA'S REFORMULATED GASOLINE PROGRAM

A healthy economy and a healthy environment go hand in hand. California's long-term prosperity and quality of life depend on the protection of natural resources, and clean air is chief among those. Clean air is critical for public health and for a livable, sustainable environment. The California Environmental Dialogue, a diverse group of corporate, environmental and government leaders, supports clean air programs such as California's Cleaner Burning Gasoline program to continue to improve California's air quality and protect public health.

Over the last decade, California has fine-tuned the formula for the gasoline sold in the state, so it now produces the cleanest burning gasoline in the world. The use of this cleaner burning fuel is a major factor in the significant air quality improvements the state has enjoyed during the same time period.

CED supports the Cleaner Burning Gasoline program as a critical means to reduce air pollution in California. CED also supports the phase-out of MTBE, a gasoline additive, and believes that California's Cleaner Burning Gasoline program will ensure continued protection of air quality. The Cleaner Burning Gasoline program has been an enormous success but must be maintained to ensure that California continues to reduce air pollution and protect public health.

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The Mission of CED is to engage business, non-profit, and government leaders who seek a better way of solving the environmental problems facing California.

Using dialogue to create trust and understanding, CED members explore policy solutions that respect the needs of a healthy economy and a healthy environment for the benefit of all people in California. This means policies that improve environmental quality and public health, increase the efficient use of natural and fiscal resources, and are timely in their effect.

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