



Sent via email:

January 27, 2023

The Honorable Senator Nancy Skinner  
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 8630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT for SB X1-2: Transportation fuels: maximum gross gasoline refining margin

Senator Skinner:

Climate Action Campaign is a community-based organization with a simple mission: to stop the climate crisis through equitable, effective policy action. We are writing to express our strong support for SB X1-2, the Price Gouging Penalty bill.

We support the Price Gouging Penalty to discourage price hikes from happening in the first place and help provide much needed oversight and transparency to hold the oil and gas industry accountable. If oil companies exceed the bill's threshold for maximum refining margins, they will be charged a tiered penalty amount to be deposited into the Price Gouging Penalty Fund, which will return these excessive profits back to Californians for the prices they were gouged at the pump.

Furthermore, we support expanding the authority of the California Energy Commission and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to investigate and obtain information from Big Oil. With increased oversight and transparency, the state can evaluate costs, profits, and pricing in the refining, distribution, and retail segments of the California gasoline market to uncover irregularities and minimize the likelihood of future unjustifiable price hikes.

Due to the significant and severe environmental and financial burdens that the oil and gas industry has imposed for decades, we thank you for taking steps to provide realistic solutions that will support communities, consumers, labor, and businesses through oversight and accountability.

Sincerely,

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Climate Action Campaign