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## **U.S. House of Representatives Passes Bill to End the “California Car” Mandate**

*From EMA*

Last week, the House of Representatives approved the “Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act” (H.R. 1435) to protect Americans’ freedom of choice when purchasing vehicles. The bill passed on a bipartisan vote of 222 – 190. Eight democrats supported the bill: Representatives Caraveo (CO), Costa (CA), Cuellar (TX), Davis (NC), Golden (ME), Higgins (NY), Perez (WA), and Vasquez (NM). EMA and its 48 state and regional trade associations supported this bill in a [letter](#) to Capitol Hill. EMA would like to thank Representatives Bob Latta (R-OH), John Joyce (R-PA), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), and Jay Obernolte (R-CA) for introducing this importation legislation earlier this year.

The legislation would reject California’s request for a Clean Air Act (CAA) waiver to require 100 percent of all new light-duty vehicle sales to be electrified by 2035 in the state. Every American will be impacted by this ban, whether they are in one of the 17 states (including Virginia) that copies California vehicle laws or whether they are a consumer looking to buy an affordable new vehicle in the next few years. Specifically, the Preserving Choice in Vehicles Purchases Act would restrict the EPA from issuing any waiver for new regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs). Preserving consumer choice is critical to maintaining competition in the automotive markets and ensuring all Americans have access to reliable, clean and affordable vehicles.

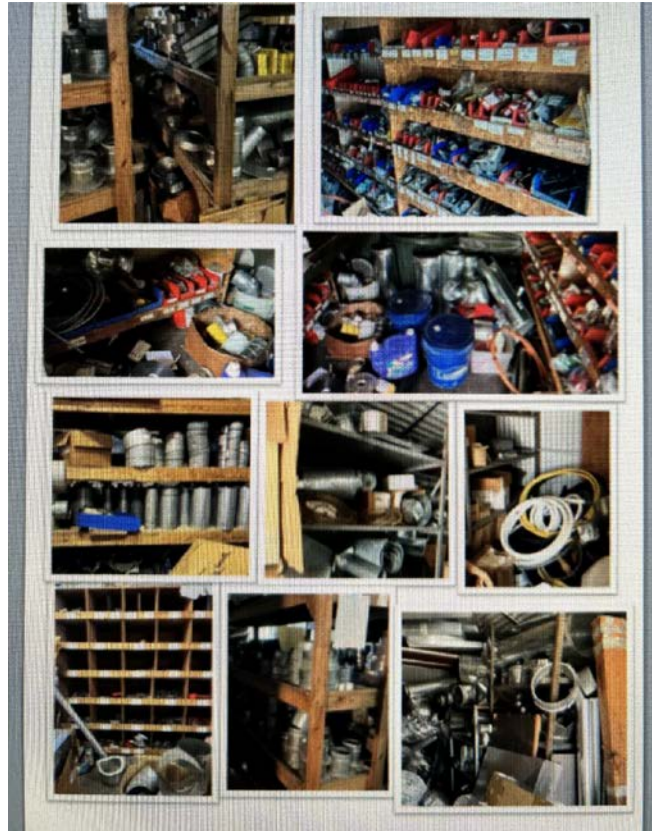
“The Energy Marketers of America (EMA) is concerned with California’s ban on the ICEV because it would limit consumer choice on cleaner greener ICEs, increase Americans’ utility bills to subsidize a massive expansion of the electric grid for EV charging and threaten the viability and jobs of small business energy marketers around the country, whether they deliver gasoline and diesel or renewable fuels like ethanol, biodiesel and renewable diesel,” said EMA President Rob Underwood.

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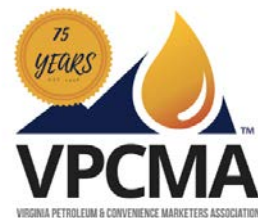
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Its not too late to join us in honoring many of the past leaders and award recipients as we celebrate the Association's golden anniversary beginning this Sunday, September 24. Monday will feature an address from Virginia Attorney General Jason Miyares, and a briefing from Federated Insurance. Tuesday will feature a program devoted entirely to the "Jobbers are Refiners" issue as we unpack some of the lessons learned from the 2023 General Assembly session and examine proactive steps we can take before January to address this threat. Please support your association by registering for the annual meeting today. **To view the full meeting program, [click here](#).**

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