

# Responsible Clean Air Coalition

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## S.O.S – Save Our Stations

### CALL TO ACTION

***On April 1st, more than 6,000 gas stations statewide are going to shut their doors because of zealous Sacramento Bureaucrats – we need your help to stop them!***

The California Air Resources Board's (CARB) is mandating that small station owners install new enhanced vapor recovery (EVR) nozzles to capture 98% of the vapor emissions instead of the current 95%.

While stations owners fully support the effort for cleaner air and want to comply, their problem is consistent endless bureaucratic red-tape in their compliance efforts and ***they cannot get the necessary financing to make these costly upgrades due to the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression!***

What's that mean for you?

- **Higher Gas prices**-- the days of \$4 dollar a gallon gas or higher could come back – less stations means less competition. Those few stations who survive will be able to “corner the market” and gasoline prices will skyrocket at a time when our hardworking families can least afford new massive cost increases!
- **Fuel Shortages and long lines** – the shutdown of thousands of gas stations will result in significant fuel shortages and a return of the 70's era of having to wait to fill your vehicle in long fuel lines.
- **Higher Unemployment** – tens of thousands of employees will lose their jobs because Sacramento bureaucrats have completely mishandled this situation and refuse to take measures to allow for a reasonable solution.
- **Loss of Revenue for California** – our state collects nearly \$3 billion in revenue from stations – closures will further hurt our struggling economy, aggravate our dreary financial situation and lead to further decreases in funding for badly needed community, health and educational programs.
- **Increased blight and pollution** – station closures will become community eyesores, set back efforts to revitalize communities and ironically, result in increased air pollution as individuals drive further to find an open gas station – undermining the original intent of the regulation.

**PLEASE HELP STOP THIS PENDING CATASTROPHE BY CALLING OR EMAILING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TODAY – DEMAND THAT CARB ALLOW STATION OWNERS A ONE YEAR EXTENSION FOR EVR COMPLIANCE!**

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**DON'T LET OUT-OF-CONTROL BUREAUCRATS DRIVE UP OUR GAS PRICES, SHUT DOWN OUR LOCAL SMALL GAS STATIONS, PUT MORE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK, FURTHER HURT OUR STRUGGLING ECONOMY AND DAMAGE OUR COMMUNITIES – PLEASE CALL TODAY AND FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES!**