



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 558 without my signature.

This bill requires the California Air Resources Board to develop policy recommendations to maximize the use of E85, a fuel blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline, in flex fuel vehicles that operate in the state.

California has recognized the potential benefits of E85 and has adopted the Low Carbon Fuel Standard to support E85 and other fuels that reduce the use of petroleum.

Earlier this month, I issued executive order B-55-18, directing the state to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 and net negative greenhouse gas emissions after that. In order to meet this ambitious goal and truly decarbonize California's transportation sector, our state agencies must focus on emerging markets for the cleanest vehicles and fuels possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.