

Sample Letter to Your Senator and Representative:

Dear Senator/Representative [Last Name]:

I respectfully urge you to support the Congressional Review Act (CRA) Resolution of Disapproval for the EPA's waiver authorizing California's amendments to its Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) emissions program.

For many years manufacturers have worked collaboratively with the EPA and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to dramatically reduce emissions from small engines. These efforts have resulted in exhaust and evaporative emissions reductions of up to 90 percent for many applications while maintaining equipment performance, reliability, and consumer choice.

The EPA's January 2025 waiver now allows California to implement amendments that effectively prohibit the sale of many new gasoline-powered small off-road engines in favor of battery-powered alternatives. Unfortunately, for many commercial and professional applications, battery technology has not yet advanced sufficiently to provide the performance, runtime, and practicality required by users.

The rule affects more than two million gasoline-powered units sold annually and has significant implications for manufacturers, distributors, dealers, contractors, and consumers throughout the country. Impacted equipment includes pressure washers, lawn mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, generators, utility vehicles, snow throwers, and many other products that are relied upon every day. Individuals who are impacted include pressure washing professionals, landscapers, contractors, cleaning companies, food truck operators, and many other small businesses that depend on reliable equipment capable of extended operating times. Small businesses including commercial landscapers, construction contractors, pressure washing professionals, cleaning contractors, food truck operators, and countless other service providers depend on equipment capable of operating continuously without lengthy charging interruptions.

There are also significant concerns regarding the basis for the EPA's waiver decision, including:

- CARB began implementing portions of the program before the EPA formally granted the waiver, raising questions regarding compliance with Section 209 of the Clean Air Act.
- A December 2024 joint EPA and Department of Energy report acknowledged that commercial equipment continues to face significant barriers to electrification, including battery cost, weight, charging time, and infrastructure limitations.
- Neither CARB nor EPA conducted comprehensive battery-electric product testing to validate key assumptions regarding performance and cost.
- Industry testing demonstrated significant reductions in performance as battery charge levels declined for certain commercial equipment.
- Available market data indicates battery-electric adoption remains very limited across several commercial sectors.
- Manufacturers estimate compliance costs exceeding \$1 billion while expressing concern that transition costs were significantly underestimated and anticipated emissions benefits overstated.

Given these concerns regarding technological feasibility, implementation, economic impacts, and the waiver process itself, I respectfully ask that you support the Congressional Review Act Resolution of Disapproval.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our country.

[Your Name]

[Company Name]

[City, State]

Sample Email

Date:

Subject: Please Support the CRA Resolution Disapproving California's SORE Waiver

Dear Senator/Representative [Last Name]:

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support the Congressional Review Act (CRA) Resolution of Disapproval for EPA's waiver approving California's Small Off-Road Engine (SORE) emissions amendments. Manufacturers have worked with the EPA and the California Air Resources Board for years to reduce emissions from small engines, achieving reductions of up to 90 percent while maintaining equipment performance and reliability. The EPA's waiver now permits California to effectively prohibit many new gasoline-powered small off-road engines before battery-electric alternatives are technologically capable of meeting many commercial and professional operating requirements.

This rule impacts more than two million units annually and affects manufacturers, distributors, dealers, contractors, and consumers nationwide. It also creates significant challenges for pressure washing professionals, landscapers, contractors, cleaning companies, food truck operators, and many other small businesses that depend on reliable equipment capable of extended operating times.

The waiver also raises serious concerns regarding technological feasibility, implementation, compliance costs, and consistency with the Clean Air Act's waiver requirements.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to support the Congressional Review Act Resolution of Disapproval and help ensure future emissions regulations remain practical, achievable, and based on proven technology. Thank you for your time, consideration, and service.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Company Name]

[City, State]