

## **Support the New Jersey Clean Cars Act**

S2351 and A3393, **as amended** on January 8<sup>th</sup> by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the Senate **tailors the NorthEast/California Low Emission Vehicle program to New Jersey**, provides carmakers with more **flexibility**, **gives carmakers 5 years to get ready** for the program and sets up a system to **give carmakers a head start** by banking credits towards the first year's (2009) requirement for hybrid and super clean gasoline powered sold all the way back to 1999 and until 2009 when the program begins. The bill sets the program up for success by empowering a **Commission** of car manufacturers, dealers, legislators, high tech companies and environmentalists to **review the program** on an ongoing basis and recommend policies to the legislature and the NJDEP that would **ensure the success** of the program or recommend **opting out** of the program.

**This bill is the most important environmental legislation this session and the most important clean air vote in decades. We're counting on your vote.**

### **The New Jersey Clean Car Bill would:**

Substantially reduce air pollution that **disproportionately affects children and seniors** and **exposes everyone** in NJ to carcinogens and chemicals that cause damage to the lungs of the young, old, healthy and sick. By 2020, this bill will **reduce air toxics by 23%** more than the federal program and **smog precursors by 19%**.

Pollution from automobiles **affects our health more than any other type of pollution** in NJ's environment and is responsible for between 2300 – 5400 premature deaths a year. *Only smoking and obesity pose a greater risk to our health statewide.*

Automobiles are the **largest source** of carcinogens and smog forming chemicals linked to our growing **asthma** problem, **heart disease** and **chronic bronchitis** among children and seniors.

**Automobile emissions are responsible** for 30% of ozone forming chemicals (smog), 48% of soot (fine particulate matter) and 88% of air borne cancer risk in New Jersey.

**7 counties** in New Jersey are among the **25 worst in the nation** for the level of carcinogens in the air. (Hudson-2<sup>nd</sup>; Camden-8<sup>th</sup>; Bergen-9<sup>th</sup>; Essex-13<sup>th</sup>; Monmouth-14<sup>th</sup>; Union-20<sup>th</sup>; Mercer-23<sup>rd</sup>)

**The New Jersey Clean Car Program** is superior to the weaker federal program that **doesn't even address airborne carcinogens** and doesn't promote cleaner advanced technology automobiles.

**Expands consumers' choices** with new, popular, cleaner cars (e.g. Toyota Prius gas/electric hybrid—Motor Trends 2004 Car of the Year), **at competitive prices**, while exempting new and used cars on the market.

In the **first six weeks** of introduction, Toyota sold **all** the 2004 gas electric hybrid cars they produced **for the year** (36,000); one third were sold sight unseen on the internet. As of **Monday**, the Prius was **SOLD OUT** and right now **16,000** consumers are on a **waiting list** to purchase the car.

According to industry experts, JD Power and Associates, by **2008** carmakers will have a minimum of **28 models** of hybrid automobiles on the market, 18 trucks and SUVs and 10 cars.

Over the last two decades, New Jersey has **cut all** other forms of ozone (**smog**) **in half** but we've **not reduced smog-** forming emissions from **automobiles AT ALL**, even though it is the largest single source.

**As New Jersey's population continues to grow, air pollution from automobiles will continue to grow.** New Jersey already leads the nation for smog pollution.

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