

House Resolution No. 6018

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1 A RESOLUTION reaffirming the State of Kansas' commitment to
2 internal combustion engine vehicles.

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4 WHEREAS, On September 23, 2022, the Governor of California
5 issued an executive order banning the sale of internal combustion engine-
6 powered vehicles by 2035; and

7 WHEREAS, When a state government forcibly transitions the state's
8 automotive fleet from internal combustion engine-powered vehicles to
9 zero-emission vehicles, the government infringes on free market
10 economics; and

11 WHEREAS, A state ban on internal combustion engine-powered
12 vehicles does not allow citizens the opportunity to sensibly choose the
13 vehicles they wish to purchase; and

14 WHEREAS, In November 2022, the CEO of Ford Motor Company
15 stated that manufacturing electric vehicles requires approximately 40%
16 less labor than internal combustion engine-powered vehicles; and

17 WHEREAS, The automotive sector employs 59,000 Kansans, which
18 contributes over \$3.6 billion in labor income to Kansas' economy; and

19 WHEREAS, If Kansas adopts a zero-emission vehicle mandate — like
20 California's — tens of thousands of hardworking Kansans would lose
21 their jobs; and

22 WHEREAS, An overwhelming majority of automobiles sold in
23 Kansas are equipped with internal combustion engines; and

24 WHEREAS, As of 2022, less than 1% of Kansas' 2.8 million cars and
25 trucks on the road are zero-emission vehicles; and

26 WHEREAS, Zero-emission vehicles are unaffordable for most of
27 Kansas residents; and

28 WHEREAS, The average cost of a new electric vehicle is over
29 \$66,000, but the median household income in Kansas was only \$61,091
30 in 2020; and

31 WHEREAS, Kansas lacks the critical infrastructure necessary to
32 accommodate electric vehicles, because Kansas gas stations outnumber
33 electric vehicle charging stations by a 10 to 1 ratio; and

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
2 That we reaffirm the State of Kansas' commitment to internal combustion
3 engine vehicles; and

4 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to
6 Representative Howe.