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We, the people, have depended on fossil fuels (e.g., coal, petroleum products, natural gas) to drive our combustion engine cars, heat our homes, cook our food, make synthetic products that hold/protect our foods, for way too long. While we try to wean ourselves off these resources and pivot to green, renewable energy, we should also be developing the technology to neutralize the climate-changing pollutants that belch from our vehicles, coal plants, petroleum distilleries, etc. If this technology is not funded or ignored in favor of cost/profits to those fossil fuel companies, that is hurting the environment in which we work, breathe, drink, live. It only makes sense that the government we elect and support with our tax dollars should be the watchdog to make irresponsible fossil fuel companies pay for the shortcuts they take in favor of profits. I recently read that if one were to sit in a typical middle-class American living room with a 2 liter combustion engine running, that an individual would be unconscious within 30 minutes and dead in an hour. It is currently estimated that there are about 3.2 BILLION combustion engines in the world and we've only got one (world). It is estimated that the US currently spews about 6 million tons of carbon emissions into the atmosphere every hour of every single day. Imagine the volume of pollutant waste this is produced in generating this fossil-based energy. I urge you to PLEASE consider passing SB1187, not just for our sakes, but for a clean energy and pollutant-free environment for our kids and grandkids.