



## Historic Town of Hyde Park

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**Alfred Torreggiani, Town Supervisor**

*"Working for the Enhancement of Hyde Park"*

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Dear Representative Ryan & Julianne,

I am writing to share my concerns about a proposal at the U.S. EPA that would require locomotives to run with zero emissions as soon as 2030. On the surface it seems it would only impact California as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is the lead on this. Unfortunately, all states could be impacted because seventy percent of the nation's locomotive fleet operates at some point in California. Other states could adopt this regulation complicating interstate commerce and furthering the problem as the rule would ban the operation of locomotives 23 years or older. Locomotives are a long-term capital investment for rail companies; deeming them obsolete would be detrimental. Locally, we are seeing similar implementation with local school buses. We have one green bus so far that has cost \$500k. If buses, locomotives, cars are all going to join the electrical grid at or about the same time and the supporting infrastructure can't keep up we are going to have major problems. A retrofitting or rollout of this kind takes time. The locomotive technology to do this is not commercially available right now. Creating and implementing this in the short time frame EPA would require is not feasible.

While well intended, I think this needs to be phased in with other technology first such as hybrid as to not hinder the business community, supply chain and the American public. We rely on a solid transportation system. Railroads are already a very environmentally friendly mode of surface transportation accounting for less than two percent of transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions. Please consider rejecting this proposal and contact the EPA to do the same.

Sincerely,

Al Torreggiani  
Hyde Park Town Supervisor