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SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA BILL AB 399

To: Members of the Lead Industries Association, Inc.:

The California Bill AB 399 to phase out lead in gasoline, sponsored by Assemblyman Peter F. Schabarum, R., Covina passed the Assembly earlier this year and was then sent to the California Senate Transportation Committee where on Monday, July 12 the Bill was rejected by a vote of Four in favor and Six opposed. This action, in effect, kills the Bill for this session of the California legislature.

Details of the phasing out as indicated in AB 399 follows:

- "39281. On and after January 1, 1972, every manufacturer or retailer shall sell at least one grade having an octane number not less than 90 and containing not more lead per gallon than 0.5 gram.
- 39282. On and after January 1, 1972, no retailer shall sell any grade having an octane number of 96 or less containing more lead per gallon than 0.5 gram.
- 39283. On and after January 1, 1972, no retailer shall sell more than one grade containing more lead per gallon than 0.5 gram.
- 39284. No retailer shall sell a grade containing more lead per gallon than:
 - (a) On and after January 1, 1972, 3.0 grams.
 - (b) On and after July 1, 1975, 2.0 grams.
 - (c) On and after July 1, 1977, 0.5 gram."

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Mr. J. L. Kimberley submitted and Dr. Jerome F. Cole of LIA presented testimony against the Bill before the Senate Transportation Committee as did Mr. Robert Butler, Du Pont, Mr. Paul Petrus, Mobil Oil Co., Mr. Howard Hesselberg, Ethyl Corp., Representatives of Union Oil Company and two small independent refiners also presented testimony against the Bill.

The decision was made at the fourth of the Committee Hearings devoted to the Bill. Proponents, including representatives of the California State Department of Public Health, the California Air Resources Board, the Environmental Defense Fund, Sierra Club and others presented testimony in favor of the Bill during the previous three sessions.

Sincerely yours,



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Secretary, Treasurer

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