Language for SB16 is listed below. This bill will increase fuel taxes by $.10 to $.12 per gallon and increase Vehicle License Fees (VLF) by $35.00 per year. It also proposes a $100.00 increase in (VLF) for electric vehicles.

For years the legislature has taken out loans from the highway funds to fund shortfalls in the budget and also to fund their pet projects. Governor Brown has boasted on how he has a budget surplus…Well it’s time to take that surplus and pay back the highway funds accounts, fix the roads, and perhaps take the Cap & Trade transportation hidden taxes and use those funds to fix the roads instead of funding a “Train to Nowhere”.

I have attached a letter of opposition to this Alert. Please copy and send in to Senator Beall and also to your representative in the Senate ASAP. We are tax weary and just want out tax dollars spent more wisely and don’t need any more taxes or fees…

Thanks,
Rex Roden - President

SB 16 (Beall D) Taxation
This bill would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would provide for the program to be authorized every 5 years by the Legislature, and would provide that authorization for the 2015–16 through 2019–20 fiscal year. The bill would provide for the deposit of various funds for the program in the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund, including revenues from a $0.10 per gallon increase in the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax imposed by the bill and $0.10 of the $0.12 per gallon increase in the diesel fuel excise tax imposed by the bill, an increase of $35 in the annual vehicle registration fee, a new $100 annual vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor vehicles, as defined, commercial vehicle weight fees redirected over a 5-year period from debt service on general obligation transportation bonds, and repayment, over a 3-year period, of outstanding loans made in previous years from certain transportation funds to the General Fund.

ACCC – Oppose

See page 2 for Opposition Letter
Date: April 27, 2015

The Honorable Senator Beall
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5066
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 16 (Beall) OPPOSE. An act to add Sections 14526.7, 14526.8, and 16321 to the Government Code, to amend Sections 7360, 10752, and 60050 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, to add Section 2103.1 to, and to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 2030) to Division 3 of, the Streets and Highways Code, and to add Sections 9250.3, 9250.6, and 9400.5 to the Vehicle Code.

Dear Senator Beall:

We respectfully OPPOSE SB 16 as introduced that would propose raising the vehicle license fees; fuel taxes, and imposing a proposed $100 vehicle license fee on electric vehicles to pay for road improvements and repairs. The fact that the State, Cities, and counties are having a shortfall in this budgetary area, is due to the earmarked funds for road improvements and repairs being spent elsewhere.

We would suggest that the loans made from the State Highway Account, the Motor Vehicle Fuel Account, the Highway Users Tax Account, and the Motor Vehicle Account be paid back immediately and used to make the road improvements and repairs. We would also suggest that funds from the Cap & Trade program be used to help make said improvements and repairs. Let’s get the roads fixed and then if we have funds left-over we can use those funds for trains and other pet projects.

California has the highest gas taxes in the nation and our roads are some of the worst in the Nation. As taxpayers, we cannot trust that these new revenues will be used as stated as the original funding was not used for the proper purpose.

Californians are tax weary with the Cap & Trade transportation fuel taxes; fire taxes; and tax increases from the recent Prop 30. Instead of imposing more taxes and fees let’s start spending existing money more wisely. Most California households earmark their hard earned money for specific items they are obligated to provide for their families. However, when the money is spent on something other than what it was destined for, the family goes without that item. It is usually referred to as “sticking to your budget”.

For these and other reasons, we OPPOSE SB 16 as an unfair and unnecessary tax and fee increase on the citizens of California.

Sincerely,

The ACCC…Representing the California Collector Car Hobby Since 1972