



Donald F. "Butch" Carter

Executive Officer
4284 Lakeview Drive
Lone, CA 95640
Cell: (209) 679-3391
Email: dcarter@usw.org

June 4, 2020

To: Honorable Members of the California Legislature

**Fr: Donald "Butch" Carter, United Steelworkers Staff Representative, GMP Council
Executive Officer**

Re: Cap and Trade Rulemaking in State Budget -- Oppose

The Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers Council of the United Steelworkers (USW – GMP Council) oppose the inclusion of a required cap and trade rulemaking in the state budget under consideration by the Legislature.

Requiring CARB to perform a rulemaking introduces new risk and costs to Energy Intensive Trade Exposed Industries which includes the glass bottle manufacturing facilities that our union members work. Glass bottle manufacturing has already been determined to be the most at-risk industry for moving emissions and jobs out of California as a response to climate change policies in the state.

Our union members lobbied and supported AB 398 in 2017 because it had cost containment protections and gave us a sense of job protection. This proposed unknown rulemaking required by the Legislature could undo those protections and makes us question why we supported AB 398 in the first place.

On behalf of the 1500 plus GMP/USW union members working in the glass container manufacturing plants in California, I ask that you remove this provision from further consideration in the state budget.

Thank you,

Butch Carter

