



October 16, 2025

California Air Resources Board
Fuels Program
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: E15 Scoping Hearing – CACVSO Support for E15

To the CARB Fuels Program staff,

On behalf of the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers (CACVSO), thank you for moving quickly to host the October 14th scoping hearing and giving the opportunity for stakeholder input. CACVSO represents county veteran service officers across the state – county staff and veterans who lead our county's efforts to connect veterans with benefits and services.

Veterans and their families are being squeezed by California's high cost of living, and transportation costs are a major factor. Our VSO and many others have made it a priority to champion cost-of-living legislation to support our veterans. Lower-cost fuel options like E15 can ease those burdens, while also reducing emissions – many veterans have chronic health conditions impacted by smog and transportation emissions. We encourage CARB to move forward quickly on E15 guidance and implementation so veterans and other Californians can realize the cost savings and cleaner air that E15 can offer, according to a 2024 [study](#) by UC Berkeley and the U.S. Naval Academy.

We supported AB 30 and the \$2.3 million budget allocation to help CARB complete this regulatory process, and we appreciate that CARB recognizes the importance to move quickly on this process.

Thank you for your consideration and timely action on this issue.

Sincerely,

David West
President
California Association of County Veteran Service Officers (CACVSO)