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June 6, 2007

Dr. Robert F. Sawyer
Chairman, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

As part of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 implementation process, the Air Resources Board is currently considering opportunities for early action that will both demonstrate the seriousness of the State's commitment, and achieve real carbon reductions.

In my judgment, we must not impose undue economic burden on lower and fixed-income citizens. In particular, I am concerned about the early action item that would propose to ban the retail sales of automotive air conditioning refrigerant.

To the extent that a possible retail sales ban on automotive refrigerant will disproportionately impact low-income and rural communities who cannot afford professional service, we urge you to seriously consider possible alternatives that will yield similar reductions, but have less impact on the health and safety of these citizens. In our efforts to reduce air pollution, we must recognize the importance of ensuring that individuals are able to protect themselves from extreme heat, particularly in the Central Valley where temperatures exceed 100 degrees for extended periods each summer.

In conclusion, I urge you not to impose a ban on retail sales of automotive air conditioning refrigerant.

Sincerely,

DAVE COX
Senator, First District

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