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Dear Air Resource Board Members,

The American Lung Association of California, Superior Branch endorses the proposal by the California Air Resources Board to classify environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) as a toxic air contaminant. These measures are vital to ensure the health of all Californians.

As a Proposition 99 funded tobacco control program, we have worked for many years to educate about the harmful effects of ETS. Those efforts include working to achieve smoke-free parks, smoke-free beaches, smoke-free outdoor dining areas, etc. The classification of ETS as a toxic air contaminant will advance these efforts.

ETS is identified as a Class A carcinogen, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Some of the effects of ETS include Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, increased asthma in children, lung cancer, nasal sinus cancer, heart attacks, spontaneous abortion, and cervical cancer. This is only a partial list, and new findings continue to link ETS to increased risk of disease.

It should be noted that the majority of Californians should welcome your actions. A recent survey found both smokers (82.7 percent) and nonsmokers (92.9 percent) believe any exposure to ETS is harmful to one's health.

By classifying ETS as a toxic air contaminant, the Air Resources Board will help make California communities healthier and safer. We urge and support your adoption of this measure.

Sincerely,

Shelly Brantley
Project Director

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