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An urgent message from a concerned citizen.

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Chair Mary Nichols
California Air Resources Board
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Dear Chair Mary Nichols,

I am writing to urge you to take a significant step in the fight against climate change and strengthen the implementation plan for A.B. 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act.

With passage of the act two years ago, our state took the national lead in the drive against climate change. A.B. 32 mandates a cut in California's greenhouse-gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Since then, the California Air Resources Board has drafted a good roadmap to reach this goal.

But your board's plan can be made much better with three vital upgrades: it should call for auctioning of emissions permits, which would force big polluters to pay their full share; it should include policy measures to encourage reduced vehicle travel; and it should call for an increase in the production of low-emission cars.

With Washington politicians unwilling to take action to combat climate change, it is up to states to show the way. California's Global Warming Solutions Act is a great start. I urge you to add three changes and make it even better. Please tell me how you intend to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Irene Farlee