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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE SOURCES

This letter is to invite you to the Air Resources Board's (ARB or the Board) community focused public workshops on the ARB's proposed Climate Change regulations for passenger vehicles. Through popular education and interactive discussions, these workshops are designed to explore the connections between existing environmental justice (EJ) struggles, the emerging threat of global warming and climate change, and any potential EJ concerns relating to the development of the ARB's Climate Change regulations.

The ARB is holding three EJ focused workshops, one each in Oakland, Fresno and Pacoima. In addition to these EJ workshops, the ARB is holding a regulatory workshop in Sacramento on Wednesday, July 7, 2004. This workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Central Valley Auditorium at the Cal/EPA building located at 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California. Following are the details for the EJ focused workshops:

OAKLAND	FRESNO	PACOIMA
Tuesday, July 6, 2004	Thursday, July 8, 2004	Tuesday, July 13, 2004
Elihu Harris State Building	First Congregational Church	Mary Immaculate Catholic Church
1515 Clay Street, Room 1	2131 N. Van Ness Blvd.	10390 Remick Avenue
Oakland, California 94612	Fresno, California 93704	Pacoima, California 91331
6:30 PM	6:30 PM	7:00 PM

Background

To provide you with some background, it is estimated that passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks are responsible for about 40 percent of the total climate change emissions in the state. The control and reduction of climate change emissions are critical to slow the effects of global warming, which is a matter of increasing concern for public health and the environment within the state.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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As a result of global warming, we can expect to see worsening air quality. This is because high temperatures, strong sunlight, and a stable air mass are ideal for the formation of ground-level ozone, the most health-damaging constituent of smog. We would also see an increase in the number of heat and weather-related deaths, illnesses and injury, and a possible increase in infectious diseases.

As the average temperature of the earth increases, weather is affected. Rainfall patterns change. Droughts and flash floods are likely to become more frequent and intense. Agricultural patterns will change as crops and productivity shift along with the climate change. In addition, pests populations could increase resulting in a rise in the use of pesticides that damage the health of farm workers and neighboring communities. Physical changes such as these impact California's public health, economy and ecology.

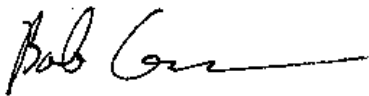
To begin to address climate change, Assembly Bill (AB) 1493 (Pavley, Chapter 200, Statutes of 2002) requires ARB to develop and adopt, by January 1, 2005, regulations that achieve the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction of greenhouse gases emitted by noncommercial passenger cars and light-duty trucks. These regulations would apply to vehicles manufactured in the 2009 model year or later. The Board will consider the proposed regulations in September 2004.

Attached is an informational flyer for the workshop. A Spanish version of the flyer will be available on our web site soon. To find additional background information for the workshop, please visit the ARB's climate change web site located at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/climatechange>. This web site will be updated regularly with information pertinent to this workshop. Attendees should check this web site prior to attending to keep updated on substantive information about this workshop. If you wish to receive e-mail notification of updates on the workshop and ARB's climate change regulations, please register for our Climate Change list serve at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/cc/cc.htm>.

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If you have questions about the workshop or need additional information, please call Ms. Lisa Kasper, Air Pollution Specialist, Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Implementation Section, Mobile Source Control Division, at (916) 327-2932 or e-mail at lkasper@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Cross", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert H. Cross, Chief
Mobile Source Control Division

Attachment

cc: Mr. Chuck Shulock, Program Manager
Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Ms. Lisa Kasper, Air Pollution Specialist
ZEV Implementation Section

Ms. Eileen Tutt, Air Pollution Specialist
Planning and Regulatory Development Section