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Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
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Re: AB 32 and our Communities

Dear Ms. Nichols,

It has been brought to my attention that you are in the process of selecting the path towards the implementation of AB32. First I must commend you and our State Legislature for having the foresight to tackle such an important issue that not only affects our local communities but those abroad. AB32 clearly sets the structure that will help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and will help secure the livelihood of our local and global communities for generations to come. AB32 is also the vehicle of change that can set off unprecedented outcomes because of the mandates that would come from it; this is a great challenge for you and your agency and it is critical that the right choice be made.

With this great challenge to reduce greenhouse gases and curb climate change, comes the even greater challenge to select the appropriate implementation method. Looking at the options available, it seems clear to me that what ever path you choose, our communities will be both protected and put in jeopardy. In order to achieve the reduction goals set forth by AB32 the targets you would pursue are those that we rely on for electricity, natural gas, and fuel. As we all know fuel costs have hit record highs and by placing mandates on these already profitable companies to reduce their emissions, what would stop them from passing the expense to our communities and the organizations that service them? I urge you and your agency to research this process carefully before a choice is made. There has to be a way that we achieve the reductions set forth by AB32, without placing our way of live in harms way.

Our organization provides meals and transportation services to those most in need in the communities of South East Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. Many of our constituents are low-income families or fixed-income seniors and we witness everyday the struggles they are facing right now with our current economic situation. I know that our voice might be small, but the communities and thousands of families we represent matter, and as the head of this organization I plead for you to take the time and research all possible options for AB32 implementation. Please look at implementing AB 32 in a manner that will help reach the reduction goals, but won't risk our quality of life.

We thank you for your diligent work and hope that you'll keep our families and children in mind as you make your final decision

Sincerely,

George Cole

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Chief Executive Officer

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