Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
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Dear Ms. Nichols:

I was informed that you are currently in the process of selecting the implementation method for AB32. As I understand it, AB32 will help reduce the amount of greenhouse gases that are emitted into our environment, and you are tasked with the duty to identify the right way to implement and which sources you should target to help reach the 20% reduction goals. Climate Change is a critical issue that we need to address as well as inform and educate our parents and communities about. Without parental and community knowledge, we cannot build the environmental stewardship that is needed to ensure sustainability. As President of the Lynwood School Board, I have challenged my colleagues and staff to make our District and community greener and there are initiatives that we are embarking on that will help achieve that. I believe that we are doing our part to help our environment, but there is always more that we can do. With that said, I applaud you for your efforts and for taking on this landmark legislation that will help protect our State and Local Communities for generations to come.

While I commend you for your work, I also wonder what the outcomes would be if we mandate some of the larger utilities to reduce their emissions by 20% with just over 12 years time to implement. The targets that you would pursue are those that provide us our electricity, gas, and transportation fuels. If these utilities incur a cost to fulfill AB32's mandates, what type of safeguards are there to prohibit them from raising our electricity rates, or fuel costs, which are already at an all time high.

We would appreciate seeing a cost analysis report that can show us possible scenarios that would occur from the implementation of AB32. Our district is already dealing with state budget cuts and we would not be able to absorb higher operational costs if these utilities decided to raise our rates. I feel as though we are being asked to choose between our way of life and our environmental protection, and one should not outweigh the other. If we are able to look at what the costs would be with a mandated reduction or a cap and trade program, it would help us better prepare for our future or identify other ways to continue offering the services that our parents and students rely on.

I urge you to please keep our parents and children in mind as you decide what the best course is, and I ask you to consider my request to research this process and find the most feasible method.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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