



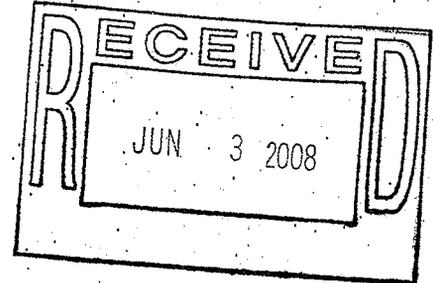
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Councilmember

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Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
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Sacramento, CA 95812



Dear Ms. Nichols:

I am an elected city councilman in La Mesa, California. Today's budget constraints and financial conditions have many municipalities in a difficult situation. I am writing you to be mindful of city governments and their financial situation as you develop plans to implement AB32.

I would strongly urge you to consider market based initiatives that have been proven to work. There is great pressure in the current climate to try to centrally mandate answers in Sacramento and that is often more problematic than beneficial -- please include local elected officials in your vision for how our state can meet the requirements of AB32.

For example, the cap and trade system encourages businesses to meet the goals outlined in AB32 while preserving the ability of different industries to uniquely determine how they will accomplish those goals. The system has been highly effective in countries around the world -- especially in Europe - and we should learn from those successes. They have also been tried with great success in the mid-west.

I thank you in advance for keeping flexibility and options available to city governments as we all work towards a better environment.

Sincerely,

David Allan
Councilmember