



AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION IN CALIFORNIA  
1531 I STREET, SUITE 201, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814  
1-800-LUNGUSA [LUNGFORCE.ORG](http://LUNGFORCE.ORG)

November 17, 2014

Mike Waugh and Katrina Sideco  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### Support for 2020 LCFS Compliance

Dear Mr. Waugh and Ms. Sideco:

On behalf of the American Lung Association in California, I am writing to comment on the recent Low Carbon Fuel Standard compliance curve workshop hosted by the California Air Resources Board. The Lung Association is a strong supporter of this clean fuel program because of the today's severe and pervasive air quality challenges and the long-term impacts facing California residents due to climate change caused in large part by our reliance on unhealthy fuels.

My patients, like all Californians, face significant burdens due to polluted air caused by our over-reliance on unhealthy fuels. Our cities and counties are the most polluted in the nation and millions of our residents face increased risk due to age, income, and health conditions made worse by polluted air. The work of the LCFS staff to help clean up our fuel choices supports my work as a lung surgeon by reducing the impacts of our current harmful fuel supply on my patients.

The Lung Association applauds CARB staff for maintaining a strong direction to fulfill the intent of the LCFS: a 10 percent reduction in carbon pollution from transportation fuels by 2020. We believe that the compliance pathways discussed at the October 27<sup>th</sup> workshop signal that CARB remains committed to protect the public through a strong LCFS as part of a strong overall state climate and clean air plan. Further, the work of staff to develop a variety of compliance pathways, and to illustrate the availability of low carbon fuels and compliance credits demonstrate that there are multiple pathways to achieving these goals.

We know that the 2020 target is only a mile marker in the state's goals and so we encourage CARB to work quickly toward establishing a more stringent post-2020 LCFS target. Planning for post-2020 actions now is critical to continue the long-term investment in a healthier mix of fuels for our state.

California's policies to clean up our air are vital to preventing lung disease and improving lung health. I, and the American Lung Association in California, urge you to stay the course to the 2020 target and to move quickly with the post-2020 phase of the LCFS.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Maxwell, M.D., FCCP  
American Lung Association in California Volunteer Physician