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Ms. Mary Nichols, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Nichols:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is increasingly concerned about the impacts to our population living near the ever expanding ports and the main airport for Southern California. All studies show that the exposure of air pollutants to our population is unhealthy and getting worse.

For this reason we are writing about the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program funding guidelines that are scheduled for adoption on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at your Board meeting. We understand that these guidelines will determine the share of funding received by each trade corridor region in the state. Since these funds are meant to address emission reduction, we strongly urge that the region which has the largest population of Californians exposed to the most unhealthy air in the nation, receive its fair share of the \$1 Billion approved by voters to mitigate air quality impacts.

The allocations of funds should be based on the severity of air pollution and the number of people impacted, or in technical terms, population weighted exposure to criteria air pollutants above federal standards for Particulate matter (PM 2.5) and Ozone. Your staff has proposed that 55% of the total amount of \$1 billion Proposition 1B funds for air quality mitigation be allocated to the Los Angeles/Inland Empire transportation corridor. However, detailed analysis of the PM2.5 and 8-hour ozone exposure for the South Coast air basin shows that this region bears a full 89% of the population weighted incremental PM2.5 exposure above federal annual standard on a statewide basis. For 8-hour ozone exposure above the federal standard this figure is 74% on a statewide basis.

Based on this information, we believe that the staff recommendation should be revised. Up to 80% of the Prop 1B funds should be allocated to Southern California in order to meet the air quality needs of the region. Any allocation lower would not be fair to the people we represent or in keeping with the intent of the funds. We appreciate your attention and urge your Board to provide funding which addresses the air quality needs of this region while also fulfilling the intent of the Proposition.

Sincerely,

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SBCCOG Chair  
Councilman, City of Torrance

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