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Members of the California Air Resources Board,

As one of the organizations that lobbied for the creation of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, we would like to comment on the 25% of Prop. 1B funds which your staff has recommended for the SJVAPCD.

When you are talking about air pollution associated with the movement of freight, our valley is more impacted than L.A. Yet you are looking at giving L.A. the Lion's share of the funds to deal with this problem. The SJVAPCD should get 40% of the bond revenues. Because we are unable to clean up this huge segment of our air pollution problem, our businesses are being squeezed to the point where they are leaving our area, if not our state and new businesses are not coming in. The San Joaquin Valley has the highest unemployment rates in the state. We need our businesses. The major highways that cross our valley are the lifeblood of the whole state, but only our valley bears the burden of cleaning air polluted by the cars and trucks that use them for so many, many miles.

Funding formulas which are created in Sacramento, always favor L.A. and San Francisco over the rural areas of the state. Sometimes that may be justified, but not in this case.

Kings County Citizens for a Healthy Environment has been the only grass roots environmental organization in Kings County for 20 years. We first formed to fight the use of coal as a fuel source for a cogeneration plant, G.W.F. We successfully won our case on appeal and settled with G.W.F. for substantial air quality benefits and a change of fuel source. We have been advocates for cleaner air in our valley since that time. Help us to help ourselves. We are just asking for what we believe is our fair share of bond revenue. We have no other sources of financing the improvements necessary as our stationary sources are tapped out.

Sincerely,



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