

08-2-7
Melissa J. Kelly-Ortega

February 28, 2008

Chairwoman Nichols and Board Members
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Strong Support for Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Guidelines for Implementation

Dear Chairwoman Nichols and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Guidelines for Implementation. Without the dedication of CARB staff and state environmentalists, we would not have the opportunity to comment on these funds today. I strongly support the program CARB staff is recommending to the Board today.

I want to thank CARB for the numerous studies done that show the link between poor air quality and exacerbated respiratory illnesses such as asthma. As your board is well aware, poor air quality and asthma do not ONLY affect the San Joaquin Valley, South Coast, the Bay Area, etc. We are all affected by the air we breathe, but working together, some funding became available and if we all work ^{harder} even harder, we may be able to receive more funding for goods movement in the future.

I encourage each air district to continue working on reducing air pollution by cutting emissions "at home" (stationary and area pollution sources) which means no more exemptions and I am encouraged by the collaborative work CARB does to improve air quality for the various ~~districts~~ up and down the state.

^{emissions reduction programs}
~~districts~~
regions

Sincerely,

Melissa J. Kelly-Ortega

Melissa Kelly-Ortega
Community Member
659 Royal Arch Ct.
Merced, CA 95340
209-261-7109