SENATE
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

STATE CAPITOL
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
95814

September 16, 2010

Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT Proposed SB 375 greenhouse gas targets

Dear Chairwoman Nichols and California Air Resources Board Members:

We are writing to urge you to adopt the greenhouse gas targets as recommended in the August 9, 2010 CARB staff report at your upcoming meeting on September 23rd. These targets represent the culmination of over a year and a half of modeling and analysis from regional agencies and provide a solid step forward toward more sustainable regional transportation networks that will reduce the greenhouse gas pollution caused by cars and light trucks.

Your staff has worked very hard with the Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) over the last year and a half to facilitate a thorough discussion on the potential for land use and transportation to contribute to the state's climate goals. We appreciate the degree of stakeholder consensus generated through this process.

In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the regional plans created to meet these targets provide significant co-benefits for Californians. For example: they provide more transportation options so households can save money on long expensive commutes; they provide a greater variety of housing choices so more workers can live near their jobs and spend less time in traffic and more time with their families; they leverage existing infrastructure more effectively, saving local governments billions of dollars; and they improve public health by cleaning the air and creating more walkable communities.

We appreciate the work done to date on this issue and urge the board to move forward by adopting your staff recommendation on September 23rd without delay.

Sincerely,

Senator Fran Pavley

Senator Loni Hancock

Senator Carol Liu

Senator Christine Kehoe

Senator Mark Leno

Senator Jenny Oropeza

Senator Ellen Corbett

Senator Mark DeSaulnier

Senator S. Joseph Simitian

Senator Leland Yee

Senator Gil Cedillo