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

Re: Proposed greenhouse gas targets

Dear Chairman Nichols and California Air Resources Board:

As a Council Member of the City of Patterson, I am writing to express my support for the successful implementation of SB 375 in the San Joaquin Valley. I support smart growth policies that will help us create more sustainable, healthier communities that have better transportation options, safer routes for walking and biking, and more transportation and housing choices for all of our residents.

Successful implementation of SB 375 will help our communities by stimulating job growth and economic recovery, improving air quality, saving tax dollars, and making our communities healthier. It creates an opportunity for local governments to take control of future transportation and growth decisions, accelerate new housing construction, and improve everyday life for local residents. New growth in our cities should be more strategic, and SB 375 gives us the opportunity to focus on strategies for better planning.

By coordinating transportation and new development, and by building jobs near people's homes, we can allow our residents to drive shorter distances and spend less on gas. To make this possible, I support the targets that CARB staff have proposed. I ask that you use your leadership to help us set goals not only for greenhouse gas reduction but for the many other benefits of SB 375, such as improving our air quality for generations to come. I also ask that you use your leadership to help us obtain the planning funds and other resources that we need to achieve the goals of SB 375. With your help, we can build upon our proud legacy and strengthen the San Joaquin Valley's health and quality of life as we move into the future.

I look forward your continued leadership on the Air Resource Board and helping our Valley to maintain a competitive edge in planning for our future. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dominic A. Farinha  
Patterson City Council