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Mary Nichols, Chairperson  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Support for strengthening California's Vehicle Standards and Climate Initiatives

Dear Chairperson Nichols,

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write extend our support to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for its leadership in the development of programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution in California. Our state's landmark global warming strategies provide a roadmap for transitioning to a robust, clean economy while also presenting opportunities for significant public health and environmental benefits.

Although our state has made progress in combating air pollution over the past 30 years, many of California's residents still remain at risk for respiratory illnesses and other health risks associated with polluted air. Air pollution is particularly harmful to our most vulnerable residents, such as infants and children, the elderly, those living in low-income communities, or those suffering from chronic illness. Unfortunately, global warming is only expected to further compound these problems.

As you know, transportation sources are the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, smog, and other air pollutants in California. As a result, we support CARB's efforts to develop and adopt the next generation of motor vehicle standards in 2010, including an expansion of California's Low Emission Vehicle (LEV III) program and a strengthening of California's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program. We also support CARB in implementing AB 32 - the Global Warming Solutions Act, in order to fight global warming and air pollution. Finally, we support adoption of strong regional targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from passenger vehicles as set forth by SB 375.

Marin County supports your efforts to make California an environmental leader for the nation and world.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Arnold, President  
Marin County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Mark Leno  
Assemblyman Jared Huffman

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