



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

June 19, 2007

The Honorable Robert F. Sawyer, Ph.D.
Chairman, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Approval of a List of Proposed Early Action Measures to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emission Under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, June 21, 2007 Board Hearing, Agenda Item 07-7-4

Dear Chairman Sawyer:

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is pleased to provide the following two attached documents for the Board's consideration:

Driving It Home: Choosing the Right Path for Fueling North America's Transportation Future

NRDC Statement on New Study of Ethanol (E85) Impact on Air Quality

NRDC strongly supports CARB adoption of the low-carbon fuel standard as an early action measure. As noted in our May 7, 2007 letter to you and Secretary for Environmental Protection Linda Adams, we think prompt adoption of the LCFS is essential both to make the Governor's policy enforceable and because time is of the essence. Industries are already mobilizing to develop carbon-intensive fuels such as coal-to-liquids and tar sands oil, and California must send a clear signal that these are the wrong fuels for the State. *Driving It Home* provides ample evidence of why carbon-insensitive unconventional fuels are environmentally hazardous and financially risky.

Among the fuels that will help protect the environment and consumers are low-carbon fuels derived from biomass such as ethanol in the form of E85. The attached NRDC statement regarding E85 addresses a recent study released by Professor Mark Z. Jacobson on the air quality impacts of E85 use.

We appreciate your review of these documents.

Sincerely,

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