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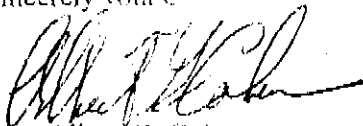
Chairman Sawyer and
Members of the California Air Resources Board

Global warming is now an environmental crisis of dramatic proportion. The California Air Resources Board is about to make critical decisions on greenhouse gas control in this state and on reduction of air pollution. 2010 is too late for measures to take effect. The climate situation demands substantive action this year. In some matters California, compared to other states, is ahead of the curve on meeting the climate challenge, but public policy in this country needs ramping up. We are depending on your Board to have the courage to stand up to industry lobbyists and do what is right and necessary to save this precious, irreplaceable environment.

Who are we to make this request? We are representatives of the major church denominations in this region who have been studying these issues for thirty years. Recently we testified in behalf of AB32 when it was being considered in the legislature. We testified before the State of California Climate Action Team in Los Angeles in January of last year. We are convinced that given the complexity of biological systems, time is running out for us to save the ecology of the Earth, let alone the ecology of California.

I plan to be at your hearing on Thursday at the LAX Marriott Hotel and look forward to your bold proposals to offset the projected global warming catastrophe.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Albert G. Cohen
Executive Director