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Mary D. Nichols, Chairman
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1001 "I" Street
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Dear Chairman Nichols,

I regret that I have a prior commitment that prevents me from attending the Air Resources Board meeting on November 15. As you are aware, I represented the San Joaquin Valley on the ARB for 10 years prior to my retirement from public service. I assure you that my interest in Valley air quality issues remains strong and I continue to follow the air quality progress in the Valley with great interest.

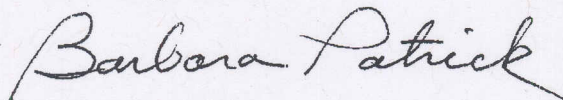
I have read the recent ARB staff report, "Accelerating San Joaquin Valley Air Quality Progress". It is gratifying to note that the Valley Air District's rules and SIP measures are as stringent as any in California. This is reflective of the commitment of the Valley Air District Governing Board and staff. The Governing Board has adopted many highly controversial rules in the face of great opposition in order to be protective of the health of Valley residents.

I am also grateful that, in the interest of full disclosure, the staff report acknowledges that work remains to be done. The District cannot rest on its' laurels. I am quite certain that there is no intention to do so. Your outline of future district actions is a comprehensive one that will further the Valley's attainment of the air quality standards. I would suggest that our State and Federal partners must recognize the necessity of providing incentive dollars to help us to achieve clean air in the Valley. These incentive funds are imperative to our success.

In closing, I thank the Air Resources Board for its ongoing commitment to the people of the San Joaquin Valley. Although our air quality challenges are many, there is a plan to address them and a commitment to leave no stone unturned in reaching attainment as quickly as possible.

Thank you for consideration of my comments

Warm regards,



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