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Chairperson Mary D. Nichols and Members of the Board

California Air Resources Board

1001 I Street, P.O. Box 2815
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Subject: **October 25, 2007 Public Hearing on Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings**

Dear Chairperson Nichols and Members of the Board:

I am writing to convey the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Staff's endorsement of the Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings. The Bay Area inventory for this source category is in excess of 20 tons of reactive organic emissions per day. A technically feasible regulation that further reduces emissions from architectural coatings is a necessary part of the Bay Area's strategy to attain and maintain the health protective California ozone standards.

As you know, this is a complex category to regulate. Your staff has spent a considerable amount of time surveying coating manufacturers and conferring with industry and district representatives to develop this rule. The rule reflects that effort and provides a technically sound basis to achieve further reduction in this source category. Additionally, the District supports further study of the reactivity of compounds as an alternate means of achieving ozone reductions.

I urge the Air Resources Board to adopt the staff recommended Suggested Control Measure for Architectural Coatings.

Sincerely,

Jack Broadbent
Executive Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer
Bay Area Air Quality Management District