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Ms. Mary D. Nichols,
Chair, California Air Resources Board

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Dear Mary

Subject: The California Draft Tropical Forest Standard

It seems a very long time since we had our nice lunch together in Sacramento.

I am writing to you now because I'm really worried that the world continues to ignore the importance of protecting tropical rainforests in our collective fight to solve the climate crisis. As you well know, protecting and restoring forests can account for as much as one third of the solution to slowing down climate change. And just as important, by saving and regenerating forests and planting new ones, we buy the time we truly need to allow solar, wind and other technologies to produce clean, green energy.

I know that thanks to your personal efforts and those of your California Air Resources Board colleagues, and thanks to Governors Brown and Schwarzenegger, California is an undisputed global leader when it comes to passing impactful legislation to protect our climate.

Many people around the world are watching California's efforts and I truly believe that if the State passed the Tropical Forest Standard this would send a very important message to advanced economies around the world as to the huge importance of the tropical forest solution. It would also encourage leaders in government, indigenous groups, and civil society in tropical forest nations, as it would indicate that their own bold (and for some dangerous) fight to slow the loss and speed the recovery of tropical forests are noticed and appreciated.

It is for all these reasons and more that I really hope that you and your colleagues on the CARB will endorse the California Tropical Forest Standard. It is a decision that will make a big difference to future generations. With all good wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

Jane Goodall, PhD, DBE

Founder – the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace.

PS Please be sure to send this letter to all of your CARB colleagues. Thank you! JG