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Chair, Mary Nichols and
Members of the California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Community Air Protection Program (CAPP)

Dear Chair & Board Members,

I am writing to express my support for the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Air District) collaborative efforts to implement the new legislative mandates under AB 617 through the Community Air Protection Program (CAPP). These new community-focused and community-driven actions will be instrumental in improving public health in our communities by reducing highly localized emissions and disproportionate burdens from air pollution. Some of these overburdened and disadvantaged communities are found in the Sacramento region and areas near Assembly District 9, the District I represent.

At your September 27th Board meeting, you will be deliberating on the CAPP requirements and the selection of initial communities for community air monitoring and/or community emission reduction programs. CARB staff has agreed with the Air District recommendation and proposed that one community in the Sacramento region, South Sacramento-Florin, be considered in year one. I support this recommendation and encourage CARB to consider the Sacramento region when determining incentive funding allocations in the years ahead. As you know, the Air District analysis has shown that up to ten communities in the Sacramento region are disproportionately impacted by air pollution and may need the new AB 617 protections.

Last year, I authored AB 615, which extended income eligibility restrictions under the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). I also authored AB 630 and the Clean Cars for All program, which this board approved moving forward this past July. These pieces of legislation provide low-income individuals access to cleaner and more cost-effective vehicles and mobility options, while at the same time contributing to improved air quality and greenhouse gas emission reductions. It is these same low-income individuals, many of whom reside in my District, that have borne the unfair burden of poor air quality. Incentive programs like the CVRP and Clean Cars for All can be part of the available opportunities the Air District can use to improve air quality in these regions.



Without adequate and on-going state resources for implementation and emission-reduction incentives, abatement of the air pollution impacts on these communities in this region will be impossible to achieve. I look forward to a continued dialogue and consideration as we move ahead.

Sincerely



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