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Madam Chairwoman Nichols,

I proudly represent the constituents of the 22nd Senate District, which borders the beautiful campus of Cal Poly Pomona. As the Chair of the Senate Health Committee I know firsthand the importance of the health of the residents of my district and ensuring they have a clean environment in which to reside. Additionally, it is imperative for the region's economic development to retain high-paying, skilled jobs in our area for the sustenance of our residents so that they can continue to call this great district home.

I applaud the work the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has done to date in keeping the State of California clean from air pollution and I am grateful that the State is supporting their much needed consolidation and relocation project. I understand this project affects ARB's El Monte facilities, which is currently located in my District, and that ARB is seeking a new location to establish their state-of-the-art operations. Furthermore, I am aware that Cal Poly Pomona is one of the contenders for the new site and one component of your recent MOU with the State for the acquisition of the former Lanterman Development Center requires Cal Poly Pomona to "accommodate the real property needs" of ARB. With the other finalist being located in Riverside County, I am certain you share my concern of ARB moving out of Los Angeles County, which will have a detrimental effect on our economy. Approximately 400 jobs will no longer be available and Los Angeles is simply not in a position to afford such a significant loss.

I am pleased to see that Cal Poly Pomona and the CSU System are committed to keeping ARB in LA County and are proposing to house ARB on Cal Poly Pomona property. This will not only keep jobs locally and keep them respective to my District, but will avail additional "learn by doing" opportunities for the students and research capacities for the faculty from the Cal Poly Pomona campus and other institutions of higher education as well. I support Cal Poly Pomona in these endeavors and urge ARB to relocate to this University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Hernandez".

DR. ED HERNANDEZ, O.D.
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