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Clerk of the Board California Air Resources Board

Dear California Air Resources Board,

For California to meaningfully address global climate change, it's critical for the state to support the protection of tropical forests. That's why I support California using its global influence to protect tropical forests through the Tropical Forest Standard.

Cutting and burning tropical forests like the Amazon threatens their unique animals, plants and millions of people who depend on them to survive. Deforestation also contributes more greenhouse gas emissions than all the cars, trucks, and ships in the world every single year - stopping it is a critical step to avoiding dangerous global warming and meeting the goals of the Paris climate agreement.

California's proposed standard for rainforest credits, which companies participating in carbon markets around the world could buy to comply with part of their pollution reduction needs, would create incentives to protect tropical forests -- whole forest landscapes, across entire states or nations. It would also require that programs producing rainforest credits engage and collaborate with indigenous and other traditional communities who use and safeguard forests and that their communities benefit. The money generated from the sale of the credits would be returned to forest communities to pay for forest protection, to create sustainable livelihoods that are in harmony with their forest homes, and to strengthen cultural traditions.

The world must address the loss of tropical forests to stop climate change. Now is the time for California to directly promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the cutting and burning of tropical forests. We can't save the climate without tropical forests. The California Air Resources Board should support the California Tropical Forest Standard.

Thank you,

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