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To Governor Newsom, the California Air Resources Board, Mary Nichols, Chair,

My name is Alexis Fineman, and I am a California resident, climate advocate, and 4th grade teacher.

I am writing to urge you to not endorse the California Tropical Forest Standard, and to ensure that these tropical forest offsets never are accepted into California's carbon trading system, or adopted by out-of-state entities like the International Commercial Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Carbon offsets allow big emitters in California to keep polluting, instead of reducing their carbon footprint. They perpetuate pollution hotspots and prevent California from taking real action on climate change. If the ICAO were to adopt tropical forest offsets, it would allow airline emissions to continue growing while putting tropical forests into the market over the protests of local communities. Its totally unacceptable.

Tropical forest carbon offsets lack integrity, pose unacceptably high risks of violating indigenous and human rights, and are impossible to police across national borders. California should not be encouraging them through the endorsement of the TFS.

Sincerely,

Alexis Fineman