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Dear Senator Atkins,

As a California farmer, International Conservationist, Rotarian and Grandfather, I understand there is a direct correlation of rainfall patterns in California with the Amazon rainforest. By adopting the Tropical Forest Standard (TFS) we can help protect tropical forests and reduce droughts in California – I urge you to support this initiative.

California must exercise its global leadership to conserve intact tropical forests. Fortunately, under enlightened Indigenous stewardship, large areas remain pristine. With a small allocation of less than 10% of the cap and trade funds; California can be a part of the global solution to keep these complex, living, tropical forest communities thriving for the health of our planet.

This is a pivotal moment. I thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely yours,

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