## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

STATE CAPITOL SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

August 20, 2018

Mary D. Nichols, Chair California Air Resources Board 1001 | Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Revisions Needed to Proposed Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement

Dear Chair Nichols:

We, the undersigned, request that the Aliso Canyon Mitigation Agreement, tentatively announced on August 8, 2018, be modified to prioritize local greenhouse gas mitigation projects that benefit the residents and ratepayers most impacted by this historic gas leak.

Wherever an environmental calamity occurs, whether in the Central Valley, the Inland Empire, the Bay Area, or Southern California, remedying the effects of that environmental damage should occur first in the community affected. Environmental justice is indivisible. What impacts one community impacts all.

Since the residents and ratepayers of the north San Fernando Valley and the greater Los Angeles basin suffered the greatest harm from the leak, and because there are a wide variety of greenhouse gas mitigation projects available in that region, an alteration of the tentative agreement, with a focus on local projects, would still achieve the overall goals of mitigating the full impact of 8 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent in a manner that is more sensitive to community concerns.

At the very least, project selection should occur on a competitive basis, where greenhouse gas mitigation projects, including those in the impacted community, are allowed to compete, rather than pre-selecting one particular project over all others, as this settlement proposes.

The ink is not yet dry on this tentative settlement, and this modest revision we suggest will not undercut the overall efficacy of the agreement, so we appreciate your thorough consideration.

Signed, Jeny Sp27 Wy AD51 Tu Allen 5024

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