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Mary Nichols, Chairperson
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairperson Nichols,

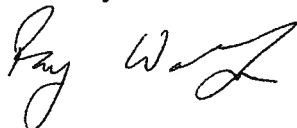
On behalf of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), San Bernardino County's regional transportation planning agency, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Cap and Trade Investment Plan Draft Concept Paper. SANBAG appreciates the recognition that transportation is a key mechanism for helping the State meet its near and long-term greenhouse gas (GHG) emission goals. Transportation investments from this program can leverage funding from a variety of local, state, and federal sources to deliver improvements that generate significant GHG reductions.

Particularly as the Cap and Trade program extends to transportation fuels, congestion mitigation and public transit improvements should be important considerations to keep the revenues generated at the pump oriented towards related benefits. Similarly, the funds generated through mitigation of GHG emissions resulting from goods movement should be emphasized and oriented towards related benefits going forward.

In making these investments, particular attention should be paid to the structure developed for regions in SB 375. Due to the unique characteristics of the Southern California Associated Governments (SCAG) region, subregions were given the flexibility to develop their own sustainable communities strategy (SCS). This allows the planning and project development work to be localized and follow the funding structures that are unique to the SCAG region. Consideration of the localized framework for our region in your allocation plan will help the region most effectively deliver the best projects for this program.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Cap and Trade Investment Plan. Should you have questions or need more information please feel free to call Wendy Strack, SANBAG's Legislative Director, at 909-884-8276.

Sincerely,



Dr. Raymond Wolfe
Executive Director

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