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SUPERVISOR - FIFTH DISTRICT

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Chairman Mary Nichols and Board Members
California Air Resources Board (CARB)
1001 I Street #2829
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Emission Reduction Credit Program

Dear Chair Nichols and CARB Members,

Please accept this letter of support for the work undertaken by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) to enhance the District's Emissions Reduction Credit (ERC) program. It is important the ERC program continues to meet the goals of the Federal Clean Air Act by protecting Kern County residents and supporting a robust business sector.

The plan prepared by the District represents a balanced approach and continues to support an ERC program that allows for millions of dollars in business operational improvements aimed at improving air quality while supporting businesses employing thousands of Kern County residents with living wage jobs.

The need to ensure businesses can succeed could not be more important. Our County relies heavily on the economic activity generated by businesses within the ERC program. We continue to support a locally led process that allows for public engagement and provides greater clarity on the program moving forward.

Kern County has long embraced an "all of the above" approach to energy, which is why we lead the State of California with innovative projects that carefully balance environmental protection and economic prosperity. We are committed to working with the District, the California Air Resources Board and other stakeholders in ensuring an ERC program that continues to protect public health and support our critical business sectors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Leticia Perez".

Leticia Perez
Chair, Kern County Board of Supervisors