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To: California Air Resources Board

I am writing to urge you to oppose the California Tropical Forest Standard and to ensure that these offsets never are accepted into California's carbon trading system.

Tropical forest offset programs threaten the rights of indigenous peoples in the Amazon and beyond, placing forest peoples at risk of displacement and losing control of their territories, their cultures, and their ways of life. To make matters worse, these offset programs have a poor track record of actually reducing deforestation, and they allow big oil to keep polluting in low-income communities of color.

If California wants to be a real climate leader, it must do better than "offsetting" pollution. We must address the primary cause of climate change: fossil fuel extraction and combustion.

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