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Mary Nichols
Chair
California Air Resources Board
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Dear Chairman Nichols:

On behalf of Corning Incorporated, I write to express my concern that the recently-released California Air Resources Board “Staff Report: Analysis of Sites for the Southern California Consolidation Project” recommends the El Monte facility be relocated to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly) instead of the University of California, Riverside (UCR). I have some concerns and think the ARB will be much better served by co-locating the facility with the UCR’s Center for Environmental Research and Technology (CE-CERT).

It appears the staff recommendation ultimately chose Cal Poly solely based on proximity to the current El Monte facility. While the current staff sentiment of commute time is indeed an important factor, the framing of the timing and transition period did not seem to be presented in the staff survey, therefore we feel that a re-evaluation should occur. Moreover, the staff sentiment and commute distance for current employees should be only one of the factors based in the analysis of the long term impacts for a CARB relocation. A cost analysis of the sites (which was not included in the staff report), the research merit of the host institution, and interactions with industry and the public should all be important considerations in this decision for the long-term benefit to the State of California and its residents. As a senior representative of the automotive emissions control industry, I am familiar with CARB-related research conducted at both Cal Poly and UCR, I believe that CARB stands to benefit significantly more from being located at UCR. Not only is CE-CERT a national leader in understanding atmospheric processes, alternative fuels and emissions, smart transportation and connected vehicles, they also have a budding School of Medicine focused on the health of our community and a School of Public Policy to offer ample education and joint research opportunities that align closely with CARB’s mission. There is really no comparison.

Corning Incorporated has a long association with both the Air Resources Board and CE-CERT. As a member of CE-CERT’s Board of Advisors I have advised CE-CERT on future directions, and we have sponsored synergistic research, and hired employees from there. Our association with ARB goes even further back, having worked closely with the ARB on vehicular regulatory initiatives through MECA and independently. I personally have given many seminars to the ARB on vehicle emissions technologies and directions for years now. CE-CERT is certainly a center of excellence on vehicular emissions and

air quality. Knowing both organizations quite well, this is an immediate win-win situation for both of you.

I urge you to take a critical look at the staff report and its underlying motives. With this further evaluation that will consider all aspects of a site relocation, I respectfully predict the CARB Board will select UCR as the site for the new CARB facility.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Timothy V. Johnson". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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