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Chair Liane Randolph
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
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SUBJECT: Draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan

Dear Chair Randolph,

On behalf of the Healthy Air Alliance, we once again thank California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff for their work on the Draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan. As a strategy is finalized to measure and reduce emissions across California, we want to reiterate the crucial need to look at a broad set of tools to protect historically disadvantaged communities, including under-resourced and communities of color, [most impacted](#) by higher rates of toxic air pollution.

The Healthy Air Alliance believes that all people have a right to clean air. After examining the Draft 2022 Scoping Plan, and in particular the four alternatives, we recommend CARB move forward with Alternative 3, which promises to rely on a “broad portfolio of existing and emerging fossil fuel alternatives.”

Alternative 3 is the best path forward for California as it seeks to adopt and consider all technologies offering solutions to reduce air toxins as soon as possible. We urge CARB to continue to be guided by scientific evidence in advancing a variety of clean, sustainable and accessible solutions for transportation – and other sectors of society responsible for dangerous fuel emissions.

Alternative 3 is realistic, based on science and has measurable results. We can adopt clean energy while embracing other tools to speed California closer to its goals. New, innovative technologies emerge all the time, and with the clear emergency we currently face, it is a moral imperative to go with the option that rapidly reduces airborne toxins, rather than limiting ourselves to zero-only solutions that will take decades to realize.

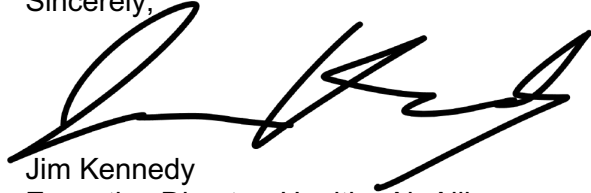
While zero-emission vehicles, renewable hydrogen and electric transportation should absolutely be a part of reaching our goals, [studies have shown](#) merely accelerating zero-emission solutions will not suffice.

As [98% of our state](#) is impacted by poor air quality, CARB cannot afford to leave any stone unturned in the push to minimize tailpipe emissions from internal combustion engines. California, the state known for innovation and taking risks to drive results, has yet to fully deploy existing technologies – such as renewable diesel, renewable natural gas (RNG), biodiesel, E15 and E85 – to minimize tailpipe emissions in the immediate future.

Adopting a wide variety of alternative energy sources will not only help California clean its air, but it will ensure that more communities, especially low-income and middle-income households, will be able to tap into clean energy options to meet their own needs, like transportation.

The Healthy Air Alliance looks forward to continuing our work with CARB to advance immediate solutions to toxic air pollution and protect communities where residents are breathing in some of the dirtiest air in California. We hope CARB moves forward with Alternative 3 to drive vital progress while continuing to look at new and innovative ways to immediately reduce air pollution for Californians.

Sincerely,



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