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Chair Mary Nichols and Board Members

California Air Resources Board

1001 “I” Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Second Draft Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Second Investment Plan

Dear Ms. Nichols and Board members:

As a member of the Sustainable Schools Coalition I am writing to urge that you consider incorporating a focus on California’s 10,000 K-12 schools for the investments in your *Investment Plan*.

I have reviewed the Draft Investment Concepts and believe there is a strong connection to K-12 schools in the three areas of focus: Transportation & Sustainable Communities, Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency, and Natural Resources & Waste Diversion. As a long-time California K-12 teacher, administrator, and principal, I now work to support schools that promote environmental education and literacy, that take steps to become more energy efficient, and that work to reduce their footprint. It is well established that greener, more environmentally sustainable schools can help us achieve a “triple bottom line”: they save money, promote health, and boost achievement. Our schools just need adequate funding, monies that the CARB can help to provide.

Thank you for considering ways to increase funding from the Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Investment Plan to help develop sustainable schools in California.

Sincerely,

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