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Mr. Richard Corey Executive Officer California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 617

Dear: Mr. Corey

The Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) comprises more than 170 business organizations representing 390,000 employers with 3.5 million employees throughout Los Angeles County. Our diverse grassroots alliance advocates for policies and projects that strengthen our regional economy.

BizFed engages in energy and environmental policy issues seeking to balance economic success and job creation with essential environmental rules and regulations such as the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) plans for implementing the Community Air Protection Program under Assembly Bill 617. BizFed manages a coalition of diverse business stakeholders focused on regulatory issues at the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and CARB.

BizFed wants to work with CARB to prevent negative impacts on job creation and ongoing economic development efforts in local communities throughout our region. We acknowledge that Southern California has made significant progress in the past forty years in improving air quality and we recognize that there is more work to be done as technology evolves. The additional emission reductions envisioned in the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program require innovative approaches and significant incentives.

Deciding which communities will participate in the program demands comprehensive air quality data. This may require development of additional science-based information and analysis to identify all sources. A variety of other factors outside the control of local communities should also be considered, including (but not limited to) unique terrain, weather patterns, and even natural emission sources. In making its findings, CARB needs to remain technically accurate and avoid unsound speculation, anecdotal information, and unsupported opinions. Regulatory enforcement decisions ultimately should be vested

with CARB in concert with SCAQMD to provide the expertise and resources necessary to accurately identify and enforce violations.

It is important for CARB to ensure full transparency and flexibility of the Community Air Protection Program, allowing the program to adapt and change as new information and technologies emerge, as well with insight from ongoing monitoring. The program also demands comprehensive peer review that includes experts from business and industry.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

Hilary Norton BizFed Chair

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