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Dear Secretary Rodriguez and Chairman Nichols,

Thank you for your guidance in the implementation of AB 32 and SB 535. Because of your efforts, California leads the nation in climate change policy and is making promising strides in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions.

I am pleased to see that the state is making energy efficiency and building upgrades a priority in the draft guidelines for the State Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds Second Investment. As the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) continue developing the guidelines for Cap-and-Trade investments, I strongly encourage the following recommendations be taken into consideration:

- Expand the provisions in Step 1, A of Appendix 2.A to include upgrades to infrastructure within disadvantaged communities, as defined by CalEnviroScreen 2.0, ensuring that all available surface space for renewable energy projects, such as parking lots and streetlights, be utilized.
- Revise the title for Appendix 3.A, Section 8 to specifically include both Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, as renewables are an integral component of any comprehensive approach to be pursued by local governments in reducing California's greenhouse gas emissions.

California's continued commitment to acting on climate change will be optimized through the inclusion of green retrofits for infrastructure and renewable energy for buildings. The addition of these provisions to the guidelines will ensure the most effective and impactful use of Cap-and-Trade investments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric Garcetti'.

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