

October 22, 2020

Chair Mary Nichols California Air Resources Board

Re: Board Resolution 20-33: A Commitment to Racial Equity and Social Justice

Dear Chair Nichols,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Board Resolution 20-33: A Commitment to Racial Equity and Social Justice. These are both important issues that the California Air Resources Board needs to address in a public and publically accountable way.

Environmental Defense Fund also commends the Black staff at CARB for their courage in sharing their experiences working at the agency, and for making specific and measurable recommendations for progress at CARB.

EDF urges CARB to explicitly incorporate the recommendations of this staff letter into Board Resolution 20-33. Furthermore, EDF strongly suggests that CARB include in the resolution specific opportunities and expectations for public accountability in implementing these staff recommendations.

Sincerely,

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