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Ms. Mary Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
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RE: Investment plan for cap-and-trade auction revenues

Dear Chair Nichols:

As an advocate for building healthy communities, I would like to express my strong support for using cap-and-trade revenues to efficiently provide transportation and housing choices that allow Californians to reduce household costs. By building communities in which housing, jobs, services, and recreation are reliably and conveniently accessible by foot, transit, and bicycle, we can reduce the cost of living while enhancing community health. Please invest cap-and-trade auction revenues in pedestrian and bicycle facilities on which people can rely for year-round, 24-hour transportation, and for efficient public transit.

Implement clear accountability, and performance based standards. Do not use cap-and-trade funds for recreational trails that fail to meet the needs of Californians for reliable year-round, 24-hour, all-weather transportation to and from work and other essential destinations. Do not allocate cap-and-trade funding to high-speed rail, but allocate instead to lower-cost, higher-benefit public transportation improvements, and energy-efficient community and building designs.

When people are priced out of homes near job centers and high-quality transit hubs, they must drive long distances to work. As a resident of El Dorado County, I am especially conscious of the need to provide housing and transportation options that are affordable to low and moderate income households, and am involved in local efforts toward this goal. Please provide a sound state framework for moving money to the local level.

Sincerely yours,

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