



April 30, 2018

California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Community Air Protection Program

On behalf of Fresno County Farm Bureau (FCFB), I write to offer comments regarding the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) development of the Community Air Protection Program and the Process and Criteria for 2018 Community Selections under AB 617. The potential impacts of this legislation may affect our members' ability to continue farming and ranching.

California's air quality regulations, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley, are the most stringent in the country. Making the additional reductions at the community level as envisioned in AB 617 will be even more challenging, costly and problematic. Our region's stationary sources are 95 percent cleaner than they were 30 years ago. The fact is that even without agriculture, we still would face a serious air pollution problem due to the Valley's unique geography, the transit of millions of trucks and cars and bad air the weather brings from other regions.

Agricultural production is the largest contributor to the Fresno County economy, so as CARB undertakes this program, FCFB urges careful, data-based consideration of possible economic impacts, especially on the tens-of-thousands of jobs supported by our members. Community selection requires sound, objective science, avoiding unsubstantiated opinions and anecdotal information. Additionally, the program should strive for the greatest emission reductions for the most people and not promote specific technologies based on preconceptions or expectations that could prove unrealistic in the long-term.

FCFB is encouraged that CARB included flexibility and ongoing monitoring to allow incorporation of new information and technology. We look forward to the opportunity to work with CARB and to engage a wide range of stakeholders. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and we look forward to working with you through this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Jacobsen", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Jacobsen  
CEO