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Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Comments on 2030 Target Scoping Plan Concept Paper

On behalf of Students for a Sustainable Stanford we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments regarding the 2030 Target Scoping Plan. We support combatting climate change through an aggressive program that emphasizes reducing GHG at the source and not through market based strategies such as Cap-and-Trade.

Our comments support and affirm the Principles of Environmental Justice, the Principles of Climate Justice with a human rights framework that includes the American Declaration on the Rights & Duties of Man, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. While the inclusion of the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) is not specifically addressed in the Scoping plan, we urge the CARB to not include international sector-based offsets programs such as REDD into future plans to meet 2030 climate goals. We also urge CARB to cancel the process of including REDD in California’s cap and trade program.

We urge your committee to refer to comments submitted by the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee April 4, 2016 which propose that:

· California not commit to continuing Cap-and-Trade. Trades cannot be accurately verified and can be subject to fraud. Market based proposals perpetuates disproportionate negative impact exposures to EJ communities.

· REDD and other market-based proposals should not be included in the Scoping Plan.

Sincerely,

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