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Thank you so much for allowing me to comment, and for everyone who is working hard on this.

My name is Kristel Rietesel, and I live in the East Bay and represent myself and the group I run, the Bay Area Clean Air Coalition.

Important point: It's cheaper to clean things up now than to clean them up later, according to near-endless sources.

Most of the cities in the list of the top polluted cities are in CA (that report is from the American Lung Association).

I was so saddened when Prop 30 failed, which was the biggest piece of climate legislation I'd seen thus far.

If you don't have your health, you don't have much. If you lose your life, that's the definition of having nothing.

As you vote on this very, very important climate proposal, I'd like to ask about lives – how many lives do we need to sacrifice? Those living, those seemingly not affected yet, those not born?

I implore the air board to work their very hardest to continue to work to make this the very best deal for people's health and lives.

I stand with over 70 environmental groups like the Sierra Club and the CA Environmental Justice Alliance on my views. Largescale carbon capture is unproven. Biomass is pollution – putting carcinogens in lungs and taking carbon from the ground. Greta Thunberg is against biomass.

I have asthma, and I have a daughter with asthma. I live near a refinery, and so many others live even closer. Many more people have asthma or other vulnerabilities, and air pollution is one of the greatest unseen dangers we face, along with this climate crisis.

Please do your best to protect the vulnerable FIRST, which may include people not yet affected. This will also protect our wallets. No carbon capture scams and no biomass. Please continue to directly work with those involved in environmental justice (the EJAC group) on this. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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