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Liane M. Randolph, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
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Chair Randolph,

I write today to urge the California Air Resources Board to reconsider its draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan, in particular the plan's call to eliminate most petroleum use in the State by 2045. The draft plan would attempt to meet or exceed the goals set forth by AB 32 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Nunez) and SB 32 - Global Warming Solutions Act of 2016 (Pavley),.

California's government has spent the last 16 years implementing environmental policies that have had a profoundly negative impact on most Californians. Our energy prices average 26.71 cents per kilowatt-hour compared to a national average of 14.47 cents per kilowatt-hour. Our price of gasoline averages \$6.35 per gallon compared to \$4.94 per gallon nationally. According to the California Poverty Measure, more than a third, or 34%, of Californians were poor or near poor, with 16.4% of Californians, or 6.3 million people, lacking enough resources to meet their basic needs. Last year, the state's median selling price of a single-family house was \$796,000 compared to \$375,000 nationally.

Unfortunately, these are but a few of the many comparisons that show California has become a place where the average citizen can no longer afford to live the American dream.

This Plan's great push for a carbon free future will make California an even more expensive place to live. Most Californians cannot afford an electric car that averages \$62,000, and the idea that even these cars are oil free is transparently wrong. The tires, plastics, wiring, and other components of an electric car all require petroleum inputs. In fact, more than 6,000 everyday products are made from petroleum including phones, shoes, tooth brushes, hearth valves and disposable diapers.

Every step the state takes to reduce production of petroleum brings with it the need to increase imports of that same petroleum at a higher cost to taxpayers and greater risk to the global environment. Today, California imports nearly half of its crude oil from three foreign countries; Ecuador, Saudi Arabia and Iraq each of which has more than its fair share of environmental destruction and human rights violations.

California's petroleum needs are not going away and as the world continues to lean on us for food and energy production, we stand to benefit greatly by supporting our domestic petroleum production.

I appreciate your consideration of this very important issue. Should you have any questions or would like to speak with me on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 651-4016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "G".

Shannon Grove  
Senator, 16th District