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Dear People,
I'd like to take a moment to add a few comments to the process as you prepare to make your final recommendations.

First, what hard work. Thank you, Air Resources Board.

Thanks also to the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee whose recommendations take the plan from a technical exercise to a practical plan.

It's SO hard to change a habit and we are SO habituated to fossil fuel. But we can do better and we must. And that means challenging the fossil-fuel industry and Big Ag. Beings first, not consumers. We're so used to the old paradigm that we don't even see it - unless it's our health at risk. And even then.. Speak for the people, the plants, the water.

Health and equity are primary. We all know that.

We've got to address carbon neutrality knowing it will cost us, it will be a pinch, sometimes a pain, it will re-order the "usual". But it may save the world and it WILL save us as sentient caring beings who belong to a larger circle than profit/expense.. This is where we/you show up in your full human heartfelt guise. because this is for keeps.

So, if I may remind you of a couple of hot issues. Here's where the rubber meets the road.

1. Phasedown must include ALL petroleum exports or we're just kicking the can down the road, pretending it's not our problem. And, it's been shown that *if* we curb pollution from refining for export, we could cut up to one-third of our total petroleum emissions, and simultaneously reduce in-state oil drilling and oil imports, without any risk whatsoever to our in-state fuel supply.
2. Carbon capture and sequestration is another name for avoiding the issue and kicking that ol' can down the road again. Let's see; who's been promoting CCS? Why, the fossil fuel industry. Nope, we have to step up and reduce direct emissions directly NOW.
3. Finally, CARB needs to establish a public health advisory group, so that the strategy is performed by public health experts, not team players for the fossil fuel industry.

It's hard. I acknowlege that. And it's time. Thanks for the work you do. Get brave. Dream big. Be your most beautiful human selves. Trust the force. (not, as it may seem to read, Force. Nope. The Force.)

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