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As a California resident and a global citizen, I am writing to strongly urge you against endorsing the California Tropical Forest Standard, and toward ensuring that these tropical forest offsets never are accepted into California's carbon trading system, or adopted by out-of-state entities like the International Commercial Aviation Organization (ICAO).

As you may already know, carbon offsets allow big emitters in California to keep polluting, instead of reducing their carbon footprint. They perpetuate pollution hotspots and prevent California from taking real action on climate change. If the ICAO were to adopt tropical forest offsets, it would allow airline emissions to continue growing while putting tropical forests into the market over the protests of local communities. It's totally unacceptable.

Tropical forest carbon offsets lack integrity, pose unacceptably high risks of violating indigenous and human rights, and are impossible to police across national borders. California should not be encouraging them through the endorsement of the TFS.

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