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

Subject: Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Leak, Draft Mitigation Program

California Air Resources Board:

This letter serves to express my support for the California Air Resources Board's draft Mitigation Program and its proposal to fund several projects to offset the 100,000 tons of methane emissions from the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.

Although greenhouse gas emissions are created locally their impacts are felt broadly. Therefore the response to this isolated leak can, and should, be mitigated by offsets from implementing the most cost effective projects throughout California. With this in mind I strongly encourage the California Air Resources Board to continue to provide the opportunity for inclusion of projects like dairy digesters and renewable natural gas programs throughout the San Joaquin Valley in the offset plan for the release at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. Investment in projects such as these will aggressively address not only the direct offset of this unfortunate leak but will also compound mitigation of methane emissions in the future.

The impacts of this environmental disaster affect Californians beyond the immediate vicinity of this leak, including my constituents in the San Joaquin Valley. We have a stake in the response to this tragedy and the means to help. Thank you in advance for your full and fair consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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