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

**Via E-mail and U.S. Mail**

Re: Southern California Consolidation Project – New Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing and Research Facility

Dear Chair Nichols,

On behalf of the hundreds of PECG members working at the El Monte lab, I write to express PECG's concerns and interests in the proposed relocation of the lab.

As you know, our members are dedicated to the mission of the Air Resources Board and realize a new facility is needed. While remaining in El Monte would be the least disruptive to the lives and families of your employees and our members, if a move is required, PECG-represented employees strongly favor the Pomona site because it would mean significantly less disruption to family life, daily commutes, and the environment.

With that, we are pleased that the staff recommendation is for the Pomona site. Given the ARB's central role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, this site makes the most sense. It would be counterintuitive to require employees responsible for reducing air pollution and mitigating emissions, to become part of the problem and unnecessarily commute long distances in their vehicles to a new Riverside facility. With a Pomona location, these issues are significantly lessened. To that end, PECG supports ARB's plans to work with local transit operators to identify options for transit to any new location.

Further, the Pomona site offers key advantages in terms of proximity to core work activities such as enforcement and provides for greater partner, stakeholder, and visitor relations as compared to the Riverside options.

Finally, in addition to the increased emissions, core work complications, and disruption to employees, a move to either of the Riverside sites would also create an additional set of issues by triggering the moving and relocation cost provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of California and PECG covering your Air Pollution Specialists and Air Resources Engineers.

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Thank you for your consideration of the impact on ARB employees, the environment, and the taxpayers when making your decision on the location of the next ARB southern California facility.

Sincerely,



Mark Sheahan  
PECG President

