

No on Tropical Forest Standard

As a California teacher I care deeply about the future of our children. Policies such as tropical forest offsets threaten their future and continue the shortsighted, ill-conceived responses to the climate crisis which punish innocent indigenous populations while allowing irresponsible corporate behavior to continue. I am writing to urge you to not endorse the California Tropical Forest Standard, and to ensure 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).

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