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Dear Governor Newsom,

I'm writing to express deep concern about the current state of California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) and to implore you to take immediate action to address the environmental injustices embedded in the program. Staff's recent changes continue to double down on dirty factory farm gas, a false solution that has infected California's climate policies.

Originally intended as a tool to combat climate pollution in the transportation sector, the LCFS has been manipulated by powerful industries, particularly Big Ag and Big Oil. It has become the nation's largest and most lucrative pollution trading scheme for factory farm biogas, perpetuating harmful practices rather than serving its environmental objectives.

Incentivizing the buildout of dirty factory farms not only enables pollution but disproportionately harms low-income communities and communities of color. Factory farms, predominantly situated in these marginalized areas, inflict severe damage on air, water, public health, rural economies, and overall quality of life. Collecting methane from factory farm cesspits does nothing to alleviate the massive harm mega-dairies and other large factory farms do to these communities.

Instead of doubling down on dirty factory farm gas, we demand a future free from the clutches of Big Oil and Big Ag and to prioritize Californians over corporate profits.

Sincerely,  
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