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Puerto Maldonado, 26 de agosto de 2019

**California Air and Resources Board,  
State Capital Suite 1173  
Sacramento California, 95814, USA.  
Support for California Tropical Forest Standard**

Dear members of the California Air Resources Board

We reiterate here our support for the Tropical Forest Standard and its support from the California Air Resources Board. California has been a world leader in addressing climate change and this standard is an urgent signal that can increase the impact of California's policy beyond its borders. The Madre de Dios Region of Peru, as a tropical forest region, understands the importance of the struggle to protect and sustainably manage forests; as well as its ecological and cultural value, which promotes a green environment for our region, the country and the world. In our region, we are working to partner with other jurisdictions to reduce deforestation of our forests, increase the inclusion of our indigenous peoples and local communities, strengthen the participation of local actors in forest monitoring, promote sustainable forest development and inclusive and fulfill our national and international commitments aligned to the protection of forests.

For the Madre de Dios Region the need to address climate change is critical and stopping deforestation of tropical forests is indispensable and one of the most important steps the world can take to take a safer path. The conservation of tropical forests has a global reach, affecting climatic events such as droughts and forest fires that increasingly affect more global jurisdictions.

The California standard will be a solid example of how to establish incentives for large-scale forestry programs that address deforestation with environmental and social integrity. The standard will provide a necessary model for emerging markets around the world on how forest protection efforts could be recognized by emerging markets, sustainable supply chain efforts and other climate protection programs.

Recognizing that the Tropical Forest Standard (TFS) is a standard that specifies criteria for evaluating compensation accreditation programs based on the jurisdictional sector that reduce emissions from tropical deforestation for immediate use by jurisdictions around the world who are taking steps to reduce GHG emissions from tropical deforestation.

We understand that the TFS could be used as the guide on the type of requirements expected from compliance markets for programs that include compliance markets, voluntary markets, sustainable supply chains to recognize our sector-based forest protection efforts and how This works transversally with the proposals of integration to the local populations and communities in our region.



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For years, the regional government of Madre de Dios and California have been learning from each other and collaborating through the Governors Working Group on Climate and Forests (GCF Task Force) and the MOU Under2 led by California. We look forward to continued collaboration and joint subnational leadership to address climate change, stop tropical deforestation and promote sustainable livelihoods. We urge you to take the next step and approve the Tropical Forest Standard.

Sincerely,

  
 Gobierno Regional de Madre de Dios  
  
Guillermo Hidalgo  
SOBERNADOR REGIONAL