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Dear Mary Nichols,

Allow me to congratulate you on the announcement of the California Tropical Forest Standard. We could not agree more with your thinking at the California Air Resources Board that “we are wasting the promise of one of the world’s greatest natural GHG emissions reducing tools”. Allow me also to commend California on its international leadership on climate change. We are proud to be your partner on this issue.

As you know, an important area of collaboration in our Declaration of Intent is the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of the world’s forests. Since 2008, Norway has worked with partners all over the world to stop deforestation. Natural climate solutions - preserving and restoring forests and lands - can deliver as much as a third of the global climate solution. The global and local benefits of forests are politically under-focused and greatly under-funded.

In this light, California's decision to consider a standard for high-integrity offsets from tropical forests is highly important. We agree that forest offsetting requires rigorous, comprehensive standards for climate ambition and for social and environmental safeguards. Showing that high-integrity offsets from tropical forest countries and jurisdictions can work within a compliance market can send an important market signal to conserve forests. The experiences and partnerships you have built in the United States and with states and provinces through the Governors' Climate and Forest Task Force can be a model for others worldwide.

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate and thank you and Governor Brown for putting together the truly inspiring Global Climate Action Summit.

Sincerely,

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