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California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**Re: Support for Adoption of the California Climate Action Registry Forest Protocols**

Dear Chair Nichols and members of the Air Resources Board:

I am writing on behalf of Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) in support of the California Air Resources Board's endorsement of the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR) Forest Protocols. The CCAR Forest Protocols were developed with extensive public review and provide a strong initial greenhouse gas accounting platform from which to engage forests in helping to mitigate global warming and meet the state's 2020 greenhouse gas reduction goals.

In anticipation of further state action on climate change in fulfillment of AB 32, the market is already responding with significant demand for California's emissions reductions, including from the forest sector. When conserved and managed for longer rotations, forests provide major climate benefits by naturally absorbing and storing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. They also provide a wealth of other critical public benefits such as improved water quality, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, forest products, recreation and healthy local economies.

To ensure that forests are working towards, and not against, state climate goals, CARB must first adopt a strong accounting framework for measuring forest-based emissions reductions. The Board's endorsement of the CCAR Forest Protocols will maintain California's leadership in forest and climate policy and provide critical momentum for greenhouse gas reductions from the forest sector to meet the AB 32 mandated emissions level.

The CCAR Forest Protocols are a significant first step, and will only improve with time and implementation by the Board. We therefore urge the Board to take advantage of this opportunity by endorsing the Forest Protocols, and commend the Board and staff for its initiative on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bob Epstein, Co-Founder Environmental Entrepreneurs

Cc:

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