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My name is Ruben Jauregui and I represent the Latino Business Association.

Our members support the goals of AB 32 and are look forward to exploring the opportunities that the new green economy might offer to our businesses and communities.

But we are very concerned that in the rush to get started with real regulations to reduce global warming emissions, a lot of important details are being overlooked.

The fuel standard you are considering today seems to have a lot of open-ended question marks:

- Will the fuels and vehicles required have been invented, perfected and tested within the time frame required?
- What will these fuels and vehicles cost?
- Will existing vehicles run on the new fuels without hurting their engines, or will businesses and families have to invest in new cars and trucks?
- Will the new fuels really reduce greenhouse gas emissions or will they just shift them somewhere else?
- And will they cause increases in other emissions, like the ones that create smog?

It seems you are making a lot of assumptions that are based on optimistic projections of folks who are in the business of making these fuels and vehicles, or would like to, and on a sincere desire to do something about global warming.

But if we don't have all the answers to the technical and economic questions, we can't know if the money we're spending will make a difference. What we do know is that once the money's spent, it's gone whether it winds up helping or not.

We need more than high hopes and incomplete research to justify a program like the low carbon fuel standard. In the interest of not only our economy but our environment, we need to do this right. Please take the time necessary to come up with a cost-effective and environmentally meaningful plan.

Thank you.