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Mr. James Goldstene
Executive Officer
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RE: PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOCATE FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 & 2009/2010 PROPOSITION 1B GOODS MOVEMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING

Mr. Goldstene:

Your staff's recently posted preliminary recommendations for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (GMERP) funds include awarding $200 million currently available in cash from spring 2010 bond sales (Phase 1) and tentatively allocating up to $275 million subject to future bond sales and Board action (Phase 2).

Under this preliminary recommendation, ARB staff is proposing to award less than 2% of the $200 million currently available in Phase 1 to the San Diego/Border Region, with absolutely no funding for truck upgrade projects in San Diego County. The remainder of the San Diego/Border Region's targeted funding is included in Phase 2 of the recommendation as a tentative allocation contingent on the availability of bond funding in 2011.

This preliminary recommendation is not consistent with the trade corridor funding targets or project priorities approved by your Board for these funds. The Board approved specific funding targets for each trade corridor with the San Diego/Border Region Trade Corridor targeted to receive 6% of the total funding available for this Program. Additionally, the Board adopted priorities for these funds that include truck upgrade projects to quickly reduce the health risk in communities near high truck-traffic freeways, warehouse/distribution centers, ports, and rail yards.

With the uncertainty surrounding the global economy, as well as the State's budget, there is no guarantee that the Phase 2 funds will ever materialize. Under these circumstances it is imperative that these funds be awarded as cash becomes available based on the trade corridor funding targets and project priorities approved by your Board to ensure that much needed emission reductions can be realized in each of the trade corridors impacted by goods movement activity.

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The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District respectfully requests that the San Diego/Border Region be awarded the full 6% ($12 million) targeted for this Trade Corridor in Phase 1, including some funding for truck upgrade projects in San Diego County. San Diego's Barrio Logan neighborhood has been identified as an Environmental Justice area with toxic air pollutant concerns resulting primarily from its proximity to high truck-traffic freeways, a rail yard, and a port marine terminal. Deferral of funding for truck upgrade projects would not only be deleterious to the Barrio Logan community, but the Trade Corridor as a whole.

Thank you for you consideration, and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mike Watts, Program Coordinator