

South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce

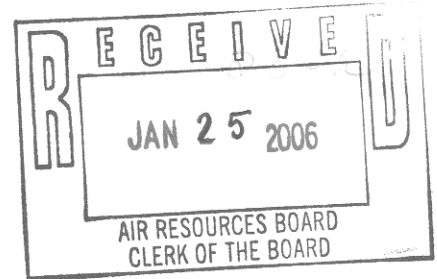
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Robert F. Sawyer
Chairman
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: CARB MOU with BNSF and UP

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

The South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce (SBLCC), currently with over 300 members throughout the greater Los Angeles region, wishes to express its support for the recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Union Pacific Railroad Company and BNSF Railway Company.

SBLCC believes the economic and health impacts of this MOU will improve the quality of life for thousands of residents and businesses in the greater Los Angeles region. SBLCC recognizes that the MOU will reduce particulate emissions from rail yards throughout California by approximately 20 percent over the next three years.

Voluntary agreements, such as the CARB/Rail MOU, are the best vehicles to achieve mutually beneficial results with federally preempted industries. As an advocate for small and medium size businesses throughout the Los Angeles region, SBLCC recognizes that rail is the most efficient and environmentally sound component of the goods movement system in California and throughout the nation.

SBLCC further believes that the termination clause is vital to ensure consistent statewide regulation and to avoid a multitude of regulations that may potentially create barriers and inefficiencies in rail and throughout the goods movement system.

SBLCC commends CARB for their leadership in ensuring the efficient and environmentally sound transportation of goods throughout California.

Sincerely,

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