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Honorable Mary Nichols Chair, California Air Resource Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

## **November 19, 2008**

Dear Chair Nichols and Honorable members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed AB32 Scoping Plan.

On behalf of Green Consultants, I am writing in support of the Scoping Plan. We believe that California must continue its leadership on climate action and support the adoption of robust climate policy that takes into account our input below. California has the ability to lead this dramatic business, economic and climate shift for our country and now is the time to take action.

As a sustainability management consulting firm, employing three people in San Francisco, we are especially interested in the following:

- Collaboration with other business to face these challenges together much like the Business Council on Climate Change has provided guidance for us.
- Tools to help our small business compete in a low carbon economy, including reduced energy costs and the Small Business Toolkit that is under development
- Incentives for making businesses more environmentally sustainable
- Programs and policies that encourage the Green Collar Economy
- Active engagement of small businesses in the development of solutions to green California and the nation

Green Consultants has just become the 105<sup>th</sup> certified green business in San Francisco and we are deeply committed to continuing to reduce our emissions. By establishing a strong regulatory framework for emissions reductions, we think the State will lead the nation and set an example for other regions around the world.

Thank you for your consideration of our remarks and for your work on this comprehensive plan. We look forward to continuing to be involved in the AB32 process and helping develop solutions to help Californians and our planet.

Sincerely,

Beverly Alkire Founder and Chief Environmental Officer Green Consultants