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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a practicing allergist in the Monterey Park and Alhambra area for the past 20 years. During this time, I have been able to work with the Alhambra School District as a volunteer for asthma screening and also as a consultant on a number of medical issues such as asthma and food allergies. My own practice is made up of allergy and asthma sufferers from the local community.

During the time that I have been in practice, I have noticed an increase in the number of children, both pre-school age and school age with asthma. These trends are consistent with current national and international data regarding the increasing incidence of asthma in children over the past 20 years. Data from the Alhambra School District over the past few years has noted a doubling in the number of children that report asthma in their first day packets.

While the reasons for this are not conclusive, there is enough data to suggest that mobile air pollution plays a major role. Studies by our own University of Southern California School of Public Health and Medical School have noted that there is a much higher risk of developing asthma when children live close to major byways.

As a physician and parent, I would strongly recommend that all efforts be made to relieve the amount of mobile air pollution on our streets and highways. Hopefully, with these changes, we can help our children to live healthier lives. Thank you.

Yours,

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