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Dear California Air Resources Board Members,

Governor Schwarzenegger's campaign promise to reduce air pollution in half by 2010 will never be met if you approve a plan that waits to clean up the air until 2024. San Joaquin Valley residents, along with those in the South Coast Air Basin, already suffer the worst smog-polluted air in the nation.

The federal Clean Air Act gives you the authority to revise regional plans. Please amend the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's (SJVAPCD) Air Quality Regional Management Plan (AQMP) for Ozone to ensure the air is cleaned up much sooner.

We are asking for a better and faster plan to clean up smog pollution by making the following amendments:

- Revise the designation to a "severe" plan that attains the health based standard by 2017.
- Remove the use of the so-called "black box" which is being used to avoid cleaning up the air. Experts say there is technology available today that can close the gap so the "black box" is not necessary.
- Include Clean Air Days rule, supported by incentive funding for mobile diesel sources, if the State Implementation Plan (SIP) cannot deliver sufficient mobile source NOx reductions.

We can no longer hold our breath. Residents of the San Joaquin Valley are counting on you to consider their future when making this important decision.

Most Californians will be terminally ill or dead by 2017. Unless all of you start looking up and addressing why pesticides continue to be sprayed over the already polluted valley, year after year, nothing you do will matter. As an individual who was exposed to Pesticides for years in the workplace, pesticides are being sprayed over residential areas on a weekly, and most weeks, a daily basis. I know for a fact that this has been going on for years!

Sincerely,

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