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Ms. Mary Nichols  
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Re: AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan and Appendices

Dear Ms. Nichols:

I am writing to applaud your efforts thus far in crafting the draft scoping plan and to outline some concerns upon reviewing the draft documents.

The Oldtimers Foundation provides social services such as transportation, nutrition, and housing to thousands of residents, many of which are seniors, in the areas of Southeast Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. When I first learned about AB32 I was very optimistic that this policy was the right vehicle to provide our communities with much needed environmental protection for our future generations. Upon reviewing the draft plan and appendices I've realized that the plan is not yet addressing a very important issue that was mentioned in our previous letter to you. We had requested that your organization take the time to examine the costs associated with the strategies you were looking into and this draft does not provide that information.

As I examined the plan, then the appendices, I was looking forward to reviewing what the costs would be to implement this law; unfortunately, I could not find that information. I was hopeful that in the preliminary work executed before the release of this document, you and your staff would consider the importance of researching the costs associated with implementing this law and provide that information in your draft release. It is imperative that organizations like ours have a detailed economic analysis that provides this information so that we can communicate the benefits, as well as impacts, that this plan would have on our communities and constituencies. Our communities as well as organization are feeling the affects of our struggling economy and without knowing the costs associated with this implementation plan, it makes it difficult for us to cheer on this complex draft plan that you've released.

Please keep in mind that our communities are hurting. Many of our residents are struggling with higher energy costs and having to decide between buying extra groceries and pumping gas. Even with these hardships we understand that in order to fix our mistakes of the past, and protect our families' future, we must sacrifice now, but at what cost. We continue to support the goals of AB32 and the work that has been assigned to the Air Resources Board. Implementing AB32 is not an easy task and we clearly understand that it will be a challenge to please all of the sectors in the State that will be impacted. Our State needs climate change policies like AB32, but we need to ensure that we take the time to study every cost associated and ensure that we are implementing the right way.

Thank you for your time and we are hopeful that you'll take our comments into consideration and provide us with this information.

Kind Regards,

George Cole  
Chief Executive Officer

