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Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street
P.O. Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812
Re: AB 32 Implementation

Dear Ms. Nichols,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Draft AB 32 Scoping Plan and Appendices recently published by the Air Resources Board.

While I support the goals of AB 32, a reality check is needed regarding the actual costs of this legislation and its overall impact on our Californians. Minority-owned small businesses, low income neighborhoods and communities of color will be most affected by this plan.

Both the Scoping Plan and the appendices place a disproportionate emphasis on the vision of California leading the world in climate change policy, and not nearly enough honest analysis of what this leadership will cost us.

We are facing higher personal and corporate income taxes to make up the budget deficit, proposals for multiple increases in sales tax, gas taxes and vehicle registration fees at the state, regional and local level. We are staggering under the burden of rapidly rising fuel and utility costs, making it already difficult just to survive.

While I support the goals of AB 32, I am unable to support the Scoping Plan and Appendices. Without a fiscally responsible approach, the goals will not be achieved and many small and minority-owned business, low income families and minority communities will face economic ruin. Please take a more realistic look at the consequences you will be imposing on us, and give us a plan that will get us the needed emissions reductions without inflicting unreasonable and unsustainable financial burdens on our businesses and communities.

Thank you



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