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HIGH COSTS, HARD TIMES CITED IN REQUEST TO DELAY FUEL STANDARD

SACRAMENTO – Saying the consequences are “far more catastrophic” than those posed by the gas nozzle regulation he recently urged be delayed, the state’s leading business coalition on climate change today called on Governor Schwarzenegger to exercise the same leadership in demanding a delay in establishing the new Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

The comprehensive reformulation of gasoline and diesel is part of California’s AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act) and has a goal of reducing the carbon intensity of the fuels by ten percent by 2020. A proposed Low Carbon Fuel Standard Regulation is scheduled to be adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) April 23.

The troubling findings of a new study from a research group lead by a former executive officer of CARB were cited in the letter to the governor from the AB 32 Implementation Group.

“According to a report by Sierra Research, the low carbon fuel standard will increase fuel costs by \$3.7 billion a year and increase smog forming emissions by 5 tons per day without any detectable change in climate,” said the letter from the AB 32 coalition.

In his letter to CARB calling for a delay in the nozzle vapor recovery regulation, Governor Schwarzenegger said, “With millions of Californians out of work and businesses struggling to hold on, we must be extremely cautious in implementing new environmental regulations that can hurt families, consumers and small businesses.”

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The coalition's letter said the same standard should apply to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, except more so. The letter also said CARB has not completed required studies:

“No economic impact analysis on how the rule will impact small business has been completed. A multi-media environmental analysis on the new fuels required under the rule has not been completed in violation of the health and safety code. No review has been conducted on if these new fuels will negatively impact car and truck engines in violation of the health and safety code.”

More information is available at www.ab32ig.com.

The AB 32 Implementation Group is a coalition of more than 180 business and organizations, co-sponsored by California Manufacturers and Technology Association and California Chamber of Commerce, across California that supports meeting the goals of AB 32 in a way that allows California's economy to grow and prosper.

Members include the California Manufacturers & Technology Association, California Small Business Ass'n, California Taxpayers' Ass'n, California Alliance for Jobs, California Retailers Ass'n, California Grocers Ass'n, League of Food Processors, Small Business Action Committee, California Trucking Ass'n and the California Chamber of Commerce.

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