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# AB 32 Implementation Group

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Working Toward Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions  
And Enhancing California's Competitiveness

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

When you signed AB 32 (The Global Warming Solutions Act) you set in motion the nation's most comprehensive and ambitious plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and grow a clean tech economy. We've been working to ensure that the bill is successfully implemented and that other states and countries will look to AB 32 as a model for climate change policy. We are writing to alert you that recent events are undermining AB 32 and will keep us from reaching our goals.

AB 32 set ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets, but it also put in place decision-making criteria to ensure that California's plan would achieve real emission reductions, would be based on sound science, would avoid simply moving emission sources to other regions, would be cost-effective and would avoid harm to workers, consumers and the economy.

The California Air Resources Board, an agency with decades of experience and expertise on air quality issues, was given the job to develop the plan, write the appropriate regulations and enforce them. The Board is now fully engaged - they will ensure that the best available science is incorporated into the regulations and that a wide variety of stakeholders participate through a comprehensive system of workshops and hearings.

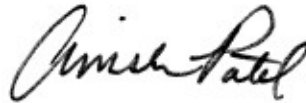
But now the Attorney General and anti-growth groups have launched their own climate change initiatives. In a series of lawsuits, settlement agreements, suggested mitigation measures and other policy initiatives, the high standards in AB 32 are being ignored. For example, there is no process for including the best available science into the decision-making. There is no orderly process for public participation. Instead, California's climate change strategy is being written chaotically through lawsuits, private negotiations between project applicants and plaintiffs attorneys and through a series of trial court decisions. The Attorney General has now announced he is expanding his alternative climate change initiative to include local governments.

We hope you agree that all Californian's need to work together on this challenging and important issue. We fully support the orderly implementation of AB 32, and we urge you take steps to put the AB 32 process back on track.

Sincerely,



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