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California Air Resources Board
Mary Nichols, Chair
1001 I Street
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Dear Ms. Nichols:

Congratulations on your appointment as Chair of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). I commend your leadership and direction for California to attain state and federal air quality standards in a timely manner.

As an Assemblyman and a health care provider I believe public health and environmental sustainability to be of great importance, and constituents in my district have expressed their concerns to me on various environmental issues that impact their health and quality of life. This is why on May 31, 2007, I wrote a letter to CARB and the Environmental Protection Agency strongly urging both to substantially accelerate their mobile source emission reduction programs in our region. I asked CARB to do this by implementing the measures in the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) developed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

I understand that a consensus agreement has been reached on closing the attainment gap for NOx and PM2.5 between CARB, the SCAQMD, and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). I applaud this new level of interagency cooperation, and I look forward to CARB's approval of the 2007 AQMP and the State Implementation Plan.

Again, thank you for your leadership on resolving differences and strengthening mobile source emissions reductions. Under the revised blueprint for clean air adopted today, the 16.5 million residents of the South Coast Air Basin will see an improvement of air quality and their quality of life.

Sincerely,

ED HERNANDEZ, O.D.
Member of the State Assembly
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cc: South Coast Air Quality Management District

