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Chairman Mary Nichols and Board Members
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Re: San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Emission Reduction Credit Program

Dear Chair Nichols and CARB Board Members,

As a resident and Kings County Supervisor, I write to express my support for the work the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPD) does to ensure that programs such as the Emissions Reduction Credit Program (ERC) meets the goals of the Federal Clean Air Act in a manner that protects all San Joaquin Valley Residents. I understand that the SJVAPD has committed to a process that will refresh the ERC program in a transparent, publicly available manner.
The air district has submitted a plan that lays out the appropriate next steps. We support that local process and believe it must be supported and given time to progress. The ERC program has allowed industry, agriculture and other businesses to make environmental improvements without disrupting operations in a way that could cost workers their livelihoods.

We need the jobs these regulated businesses provide, especially now. These businesses are also critical to our tax base, and the community services and programs those tax revenues support. The CARB report that provide an opportunity for a collaborative, local-level opportunity to ensure public transparency, more clarity on the ERC banking regulations and addressing our non-attainment status while continuing with a program that far more stringent than Federal standards.

I am committed to working with SJVAPCD, CARB and all stakeholders to ensure the ERC program protects public health and allows for a thriving economy for all San Joaquin Valley's residents. Our region can lead environmentally and economically, and I look forward to the process.

Sincerely,

Richard Valle, District 2
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