

**State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD**

BOARD RESOLUTION 12-22

WHEREAS the UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS is a distinguished national science-based non-profit organization whose work on clean vehicles and climate change policy has had significant impact on state and national policy;

WHEREAS the UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS California office first opened in the winter of 1992 with the intention of working on state transportation policy, and since then has worked with the California Air Resources Board to help model policies that could be adopted by other states and the nation;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS' pioneering clean vehicle work includes demonstrating the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of reducing toxic and greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS' work with state policy makers has contributed significantly to the adoption of the first laws and policies in the nation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks, including AB 1493 (Pavley) the Clean Car Standards;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS' reports documenting the problems of diesel pollution from trucks and off-road vehicles have helped justify and support the most stringent diesel engine regulation standards in the nation, reducing pollution and improving public health for tens of millions of state residents;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS' annual Automaker Rankings and Hybrid Scorecard have provided a valuable consumer service to help guide interested car buyers to make better-informed economic and environmental choices in their vehicle purchases;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS' National Oil Savings Plan and Billion Gallon Challenge provide expert policy guidance and ideas to help reduce dependence on petroleum as well as fostering innovative technology development and new economic opportunities;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS reports on pollution from school buses have contributed to the adoption of policies and funding programs that have reduced the exposure of thousands of California children to harmful diesel pollution;

WHEREAS UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS-produced, ground-breaking, state-focused reports in 2002 and 2006, utilizing the best science available on the projected impacts of climate change on the State of California, had a significant impact on the development of state policy and legislation, including AB 32 (Nunez-Pavley), the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006;

WHEREAS 2012 marks the 20th year of the organization's work in California with a record of achievements that have improved public health and the environment for millions of Californians; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the California Air Resources Board that the Union of Concerned Scientists is to be congratulated on its record of achievement and public service to the people of California over the past two decades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in signing this resolution, the California Air Resources Board recognizes the 20 years of outstanding work by the Union of Concerned Scientists that has benefitted the people of California, and commends the Union of Concerned Scientists' Board, staff, leadership, and members for their contributions to the State of California.


Mary D. Nichols, Chairman