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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

RE: Proposed Amendments to the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

I am a native son who has served as a city manager in California for almost 40 years and my wife has held executive positions in both city and county governments for most of her adult life.

As proud residents of California, and public servants employed by local government, we have witnessed the profound effect of regulatory strangulation on public agencies and the people we have served. CARB's proposed Cap-and-Invest Regulation is another measure that will increase the price of gasoline for all of our citizens along with the price of diesel for our farmers around the State. The price of gas could be increased by \$1.21 per gallon! As residents of Kern County, we have witnessed the devastating closure of refineries and related layoffs of thousands of employees.

This increase in fuel cost will add more fuel to the fire (no pun intended) coupled with the announced closure of the Strait of Hormuz by the Iranian government. In addition to these global issues, closure of refineries and loss of employees in the energy industry negatively impacts general fund revenues for cities and counties combined with increased costs in unemployment assistance for employees who lose their jobs.

As private citizens, we urge you to reconsider and revise this proposed regulation before it causes lasting and irreversible harm to California. California has suffered enough. You have the capacity to make a positive difference.

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