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To: California Air Resources Board

From: Richard Hofmeister, Eco-Innovator

Subject: Proposed Amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market- Based Compliance Mechanisms Regulation

MEMORANDUM 2 minutes or less

Richard Hofmeister, Eco-innovator and architect here, speaking with you today from Stockton, CA.

I OPPOSE the proposed amendments because of their impact on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund revenues that provide for Tier 3 programs and urge CARB to postpone adoption and release another 15-day amendment package that protects GGRF revenues. In practice, I would prefer CARB to increase these revenues, rather than reduce them, as these funds are an effective program investment.

I have been a licensed architect in California since 2001 and am Principal of Regenerative Architecture [REGENARCH abbreviated] in Lodi CA. After being on a team that won an Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities grant for an urban infill, mixed use, transit-oriented project in Downtown Modesto, I can attest to the incentive value of these GGRF funds: that project's non-profit developer and City of Modesto would not have been able to build it without the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant.

At REGENARCH, we create resilient, affordable housing in rural and urban communities across the Northern San Joaquin Valley and beyond, benefiting from Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds. Last week we attended a conference hosted by BEAMcircular for the advancement of our circular bioeconomy in Region 6 of CA in its Jobs First plan. At this event was CARB's Chief of Carbon Management who was a speaker and panelist. BEAM announced new grants in the millions awarded to bio-economy start-ups. This organization and others like it, further demonstrate why GGRF funds are needed now and over the next several years to bridge the technology paradigm shift needed to meet our short- and long-term clean air goals.

Investing GGRF revenues advances California's housing and climate goals alike, and enables architects like us, who implement regenerative climate forward projects, to provide these services and innovative technologies that meet these common goals.

Regards,



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