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Valley CAN is a 501(c)(3) public charity committed to quantifiably reducing air emissions in California's San Joaquin Valley, a region with among the worst air quality in the United States. We seek to improve public health and quality of life in disadvantaged communities by qualifying low-income residents for multiple incentive-based programs. We primarily focus on vehicle repair and replacement programs, which aim to reduce air pollution, address climate issues, and reduce transportation costs.

Ongoing support from the Legislature, starting with the passage of SB 459 and SB 1275 in 2014, enabled the creation of Clean Cars 4 All which is a uniquely effective use of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) to improve transportation affordability for working families. Clean Cars 4 All scraps the dirtiest, least efficient cars on the road and replaces them with more affordable and reliable used electric vehicles. More than 30,000 low-income drivers statewide have benefitted from significant savings on fuel costs over the past decade thanks to the Legislature's leadership on Clean Cars 4 All.

Valley CAN supported last year's extension of the carbon cap-and-invest program because we've seen how effective GGRF revenues can be for making life more affordable and convenient for low-income residents of the communities with the greatest economic and environmental challenges. We believe in GGRF because we've seen it work.

We are concerned with the recent proposal to reallocate carbon credits due to the likely impact this will have on anticipated Tier 2 revenue under the terms of last year's agreement codified in SB 840 to extend the cap-and-invest program. Without sufficient discretionary revenue from GGRF, it is difficult to see how Clean Cars 4 All would have funding to continue past the end of CY 2026.

We respectfully urge the Legislature to work toward realizing the intent of the terms of last year's agreement on cap-and-invest, and retain the GGRF revenue needed to support affordability solutions for the working families that most need the help. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Knox", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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