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Since retiring, I have spent the past 15 years attending meetings and advocating at CARB, CEC, and CPUC to accelerate California's climate policies for a clean energy system which can let us phase out fossil fuels in a just transition. It is beyond disappointing to see CARB propose to give the fossil fuel companies which caused our climate crisis yet another break when previously CARB gave them plenty of time to plan for phaseout and gave them a break on paying for the damage they continued to cause.

The recently proposed amendments put both our 2030 targets and the stability of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund at risk. They also depart from the spirit of our landmark agreement from last year by seeking to achieve affordability goals without accountability.

CARB's proposal, rather than adhere to the will of the Legislature and clear statutory direction, adds up to 118 million metric tons of allowances back into the market, providing at least \$3.5 billion in subsidies that will only prolong our reliance on fossil fuels and their disproportionate impacts on public health in environmental justice communities. This contradicts CARB's Initial Statement of Reasons about what was required for California to reach our 2030 emissions target. It also effectively zeroes out future Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund investments.