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As a physician, I urge you to reject the 'Proposed Amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market- Based Compliance Mechanisms Regulation'. These amendments will not lower the cap sufficiently to reduce fossil energy usage and meet California's goals. The heat wave we experience this past March makes it amply clear that climate change is well underway, and that our world is becoming warmer. Climate change is recognized by the international medical community to represent the number one public health threat of our time. Its health impacts are enormous and multifaceted, including illness and death from extreme weather events, like heatwaves, and from catastrophic fires and floods, from the changing geography of vector borne infectious diseases, crop failures and food insecurity, and human migration triggered by political instability, as well as the serious health impacts from fossil fuel generated pollution. All of these health impacts disproportionately affect our low income and marginalized communities. These proposed amendments represent unneeded giveaways to the gas and oil industries, already bloated with windfall profits, and harm our most vulnerable citizens by withholding needed electrical bill credits. It is time to put the people of California before fossil fuel company profits, please reject the currently proposed amendments. Thank you.