



March 30, 2015

Senator Bob Wieckowski, Chair
 Senate Environmental Quality Committee
 State Capitol, Room 2205
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 32 (Pavley) Carbon Pollution Reduction Targets Post 2020 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wieckowski and Committee Members:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and our more than 1 million California supporters and activists, we are writing to register our support for SB 32 by Senator Pavley. This bill would set an enforceable greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 with the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to approve interim targets for 2030 and 2040.

SB 32 is consistent with existing Executive Order S-3-05, signed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2005. However, executive orders can be undone by the pen of the next Governor and, therefore, do not provide the regulatory certainty that investors and the business community need in order to make long-term climate goals attainable. We need to send clear, durable signals to those who can innovate, invest and build our way to a low-carbon future.

With 2020 rapidly approaching, and the impacts here in California and elsewhere ever more apparent, it is prudent and timely to begin the process of charting a long-term greenhouse gas reduction path forward for California. The 2014 National Climate Assessment states, “Climate change, once considered an issue for the distant future, has moved firmly into the present.” From raging wildfires to severe drought, communities without drinking water, acidifying oceans to rising sea levels and the disruption of food production– the impacts of climate change are increasingly hitting home in California.

SB 32 will send a clear signal and provide certainty for investors that California’s commitment is here to stay. SB 32 takes an important step in laying the groundwork for achieving California’s long-term climate commitments.

Determining the scope and trajectory of California’s long-term climate policy will require a sustained effort with input from all levels of government and a broad base of stakeholders. SB 32 sets clear goals to move that process forward. Please support SB 32 when it comes before you. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Pavley