



June 27, 2014

Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Recent request to reject or delay implementation of AB 32**

Dear Governor Brown:

In light of recent concerns expressed by our colleagues to the Chair of the California Air Resources Board regarding the impacts of fuels coming under the AB 32 cap-and-trade program, we, the undersigned, write to offer a different perspective.

AB 32 is rooted in the principle that business as usual is unsustainable when it comes to reliance on fossil fuels. California's most disadvantaged communities from Fresno to Long Beach to Richmond to Riverside are already bearing the brunt of the impacts: a historic drought, wildfires of unprecedented strength and 12 million people breathing air that does not meet federal health standards. These impacts result in tens of billions of dollars annually in health and economic losses, while every dollar a Californian spends on gasoline creates one-sixteenth as many jobs as a dollar spent on other goods and services.

Inaction is not an option. If we are serious about reducing fuel costs and righting the public health wrongs facing our constituents, we must wean ourselves off fossil fuels by investing in cleaner transportation alternatives as we did in this year's budget.

A fundamental redesign of AB 32 that allows oil companies to play by different rules than other industries would not only unacceptably delay action to reduce dangerous climate pollution, but could also disadvantage those industries that have already made investments to comply with the law. An about-face now would also inject doubt into new efforts to reduce climate pollution beyond our borders. With recent progress on the Pacific Coast Climate Action Plan, the Obama Administration's new Clean Power Plan proposal and Chinese and other international action, now is not the time to delay or change course. To ignore the transportation sector, the largest source of pollution in California, and force other sectors to bear a disproportionate share of responsibility for meeting the State's targets would be unfair, unwise and risky. The comprehensive, multi-sector approach of AB 32 must be maintained.

We thank you for your leadership on this issue and look forward to working with you in the years ahead to keep California's economy strong and our international climate leadership growing. Stay the course.

Sincerely,

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Senator Kevin de León  
Senator Fran Pavley  
Senator Ricardo Lara  
Senator Jim Beall  
Senator Jerry Hill  
Senator Mark Leno  
Senator Loni Hancock  
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