



June 4, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
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The Honorable Scott Wiener
Chair, Senate Committee on Budget and
Fiscal Review
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The Honorable Steve Bennett
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No.
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The Honorable Benjamin Allen
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**RE: Urgent Request for Support for Continued AB 617 Community Air Protection
Program Funding in the 2025–26 State Budget**

Dear Budget Chairs:

On behalf of the residents and community-based organizations (CBOs) of the South Sacramento-Florin AB 617 Community Steering Committee (Sac Clean Air), we respectfully urge the state to continue its investment in the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program in the 2025–26 and future state budgets. We also request that funding be continued at the level necessary to deliver on the program's promise of meaningful air quality and public health improvements for the South Sacramento-Florin community and other AB 617 communities across California.

AB 617 established a groundbreaking, community-first approach to improve air quality in California's most pollution-burdened neighborhoods. In South Sacramento-Florin, this program has enabled strong partnerships between residents, CBOs, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (the District), and local and regional decision makers to reduce air pollution and protect and preserve people's health.

With your previous support, we've built a strong foundation. Together, we've launched the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) and begun development of a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP), using real-time data and local priorities to develop programs that respond to the specific needs and concerns of our community.

Our Steering Committee of 35 current and former members has guided this process, ensuring local voices shape decisions. Through the AB 617 program, we've expanded air monitoring networks, raised community awareness, deployed clean technology, expanded enforcement efforts, and provided exposure-reduction tools such as guidance to deal with wildfire smoke and the Do-It-Yourself (DIY) air filter programs.

The Community Air Protection (CAP) Incentives program alone has awarded an estimated \$34 million in cleaner equipment and vehicles to SB 535 priority communities in Sacramento (about 90% of contracted award funds), making our region a statewide leader in equitable implementation. **This is estimated to have reduced 107 tons of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), 10 tons of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), and 1 ton of diesel particulate matter (DPM) in our most vulnerable communities here in Sacramento.**

However, this work is far from complete, and planning alone is not enough. The South Sacramento-Florin community has been actively engaged, investing time, energy, and trust in this process for the past six years and is currently developing a CERP. After development, the next step is implementation for at least five years to achieve real, tangible benefits to our community. To fulfill the promise of AB 617, continued state funding is critical for the success of the program, not just to finalize our local emissions reduction plan (CERP), but to implement it and achieve real, ongoing health improvements for our most vulnerable residents.

We respectfully urge the Legislature to ensure full funding for AB 617 in the 2025–26 state budget and continue funding in future years. This investment empowers community-led solutions, supports public health, and ensures that decision makers' commitments translate into lasting change.

Sincerely,



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