



October 2, 2018

The Honorable Jim Cooper
Assemblymember, 9th District
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6025
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Testimony at the September 27, 2018 Meeting of the Air Resources Board

Dear Assemblymember Cooper:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to advocate on behalf of the Sacramento region and the inclusion of the South Sacramento-Florin community in the first year of the new AB 617 community air protection program by the Air Resources Board (ARB). We recognize your September 21, 2018 letter to ARB Chair Mary Nichols and the members of the ARB and the testimony by Mr. Roy Sianez of your staff at the ARB meeting on September 27. The Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (Sac Metro Air District) is ready to accelerate our on-going community engagement in the region and specifically deploy new air monitoring and other actions in the Florin area as mandated by the adopted statute. This is only an initial step. Thus, we look forward to your on-going support for the growing number of new clean air efforts and the need for cap and trade funding in the Sacramento region.

In particular, we appreciate your willingness to take a leadership role for the Sacramento delegation of state and local elected officials and rally for those in our region who are most impacted by lingering pollution. The South Sacramento-Florin community is the first of 10 different areas in the region that the Sac Metro Air District analysis suggests need new actions under AB 617. We will continue our work with the state to ensure all of our communities in need of cleaner air are considered. The new monitoring information and subsequent measures tailored to mitigate the excess pollution health burden in the south area will benefit the entire region.

We strongly believe that your message at Thursday's ARB hearing set in motion future constructive discussions about the need for other Sacramento communities' air quality emissions reductions and we await the opportunity to work with you and your staff to advocate for additional program funds for other areas in the Sacramento region. With adequate flexibility by state program guidelines, we hope that your legislation

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AB 615 for the for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program and AB 630 for the Clean Cars for All Program can be part of the mix of mobility enhancements that the Sac Metro Air District can deploy as part of other AB 617 efforts.

Again, thank you for your leadership on these issues. We look forward to working with you in the years to come as AB 617 opens a new chapter in the fight for clean air for all throughout the entire Sacramento region. The lack of a continuing budget appropriation by the state to fund the AB 617 mandate to air districts means we will be here next year again. Thus, we are eager to strategize with you on the 2019-2020 budget and policy proposals related to AB 617 implementation. I have cc'ed Amy Brown, our legislative advocate, to facilitate a plan moving forward and reach out to you and your staff to coordinate. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions at AAayala@airquality.org or 916.874.4800.

Sincerely,



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