Ms. Linda Adams
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Cal/EPA Secretary
California Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Chairperson Adams,

The signers of this letter, all members of the Climate Action Reserve's (CAR) Forest Carbon Workgroup, wish to express our concern about a potentially significant decision to provide new guidance on the determination of the baseline for CAR Forest Projects. We understand that the CAR Board may be asked to support this new guidance upon the recommendation of CAR staff. We strongly feel that before any such decision were to be made, that it is appropriate for the CAR Board and its staff to err on the side of deliberation and to call upon the Workgroup to provide input on this issue.

We believe that CAR's strategic interests and the underlying climate objectives are best served by taking the time to carefully consider the propriety and implications of any new guidance prior to its issuance. And we believe that it remains important to reconcile any divergences that new guidance may create relative to the Workgroup's prior recommendations, upon which the CAR Board and the Air Resources Board fundamentally relied when the new Forest Project Protocol was endorsed last October. We believe that this issue should be fully vetted, including input from the Workgroup, both because of the potentially profound implications for California's forest landowners, and also because it is a highly technical matter that merits a full share of expert input. The Workgroup is a ready-made source of the necessary expertise in addition to our obvious familiarity with the new protocol and the objectives that drove the 2-year effort to create it. We as a group stand ready and eager to informally and temporarily come together again in order to help resolve this issue and to maintain the integrity of the CAR Forest Protocols and the process by which they are maintained, over time.

Sincerely,

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