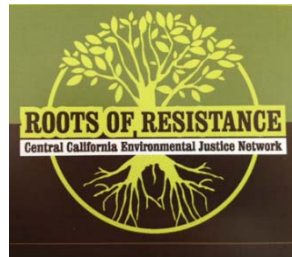




Communities **against** a Radioactive Environment







The Honorable Henry Perea
California State Capitol
Room 3120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 69 – OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Perea:

We are writing on behalf of health, environmental and consumer organizations to express our strong opposition to your Assembly Bill 69 that would exempt oil companies and other fuel providers from implementation of California's landmark clean air and clean energy law, AB 32, for the next three years. Climate change is one of the most important public health threats of our century and CARB's leadership in reducing greenhouse gas pollution through a mix of measures, including cap and trade, is critical to address this challenge and set the model for other states and nations.

Over-dependence on dirty fossil fuels has been the major contributor to climate pollution and the state's severe smog and soot problems. California cities continue to dominate the list of the most polluted cities in the United States. For the first time, in the American Lung Association's 2014 *State of the Air* report, Fresno was listed as the most polluted city in America due to fine particulates, followed by Visalia, Bakersfield, Los Angeles and Modesto. As you are aware, the crisis of air pollution harms everyone, but especially our most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations, including those with asthma, chronic bronchitis and other lung and heart illnesses as well as children, seniors, and the millions living in poverty. The road to cleaner, healthier air

requires a transformation of our transportation fuels and technologies starting in the hardest hit areas like the Valley and Southern California.

California must transition away from dirty fossil fuels and embrace the real solutions in AB 32 to avoid a tremendous and increasing public health burden on all communities, especially those most burdened by air pollution. Recent research demonstrates that California can save over \$23 billion in health and societal costs and avoid 38,000 asthma attacks by 2025 by moving forward with important rules like cap and trade and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard. We must move forward quickly with key AB 32 programs, including cap and trade, to achieve these benefits.

For these reasons, we oppose AB 69 that would exempt transportation fuels from the AB 32 Cap and Trade program until 2018. Doing so would undermine the climate change, clean air and social equity benefits of AB 32. The AB 32 program was carefully designed to ensure that all sectors of the economy support the clean air and clean energy needs we face. Opposing important regulations on gasoline and other transportation fuels, the largest contributor to climate and criteria air pollution in California, is a step backward from the progress made so far to protect the public from harmful fossil fuel emissions.

Because the San Joaquin Valley is home to four of the five most polluted cities in America, our groups are deeply engaged in efforts to strengthen air quality rules and programs and to build healthier, more equitable communities to improve air quality throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Air quality and health advocates in the Valley and statewide are working hard to promote and implement policies that improve health and quality of life in the region. AB 32 policies, including cap and trade, are strengthening our work and bringing community benefits, and we ask your help to protect and strengthen these programs.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns and we look forward to discussing this further with you.

Sincerely,

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