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Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento CA 95812

Re: Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program

Dear Ms. Nichols:

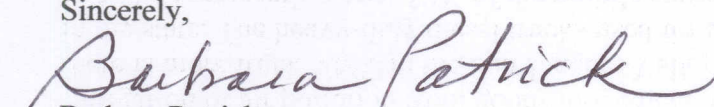
I am writing to you today regarding my concern about the allocation of funds under the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (GMERP). I recognize the complexity of devising a fair and equitable method of distributing these funds; however, it would appear that the San Joaquin Valley is being short-changed in the staff proposal that is currently under consideration.

Mitigation of air pollution from goods movement must be a top priority in the Valley because there is more truck VMT in the San Joaquin Valley than in any of the other major truck corridors in the state. The heavy-duty diesel trucks used for goods movement are our single largest source of NOx, representing over 50% of the mobile source emissions and over 40% of total NOx. Yet, your staff recommends that only 25% of the available funding should be allocated to the Central Valley to be shared between the San Joaquin Valley and the Sacramento area. This is decision should be given a second look.

Calculations made by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District show that the Valley is deserving of a minimum of 37% of the bond funds based on the 3 allocation criteria upon which ARB staff has chosen to base its recommendation. While ARB staff has indicated that "the San Joaquin Valley with high through-truck and rail traffic will benefit from projects administered by agencies in other corridors," there is no guarantee of that in the guidelines proposed by staff. I am hopeful that the target allocations will be adjusted to assure that the Central Valley receives at least 37% of the Proposition 1B Trade Corridor funding.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and concerns. I am confident of the Air Resources Board's commitment to the people of the San Joaquin Valley. I look forward to a resolution of this matter based on a fair and equitable application of the 3 criteria proposed by ARB.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Patrick

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Chair