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Liane M. Randolph  
Board Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Comments About Labor Representative on EJAC**

Ms. Randolph:

On behalf of the State Building & Construction Trades Council of California, I am writing to express our frustration with the comments made by members of the Environmental Justice Advisory Council (EJAC) at their initial meeting this month. Despite clear direction from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) regarding adding a seat to the EJAC for a 'Labor' representative, members of the EJAC, seemingly emboldened or working in concert with likeminded EJAC staff, have expressed their displeasure and unwillingness to be a part of selecting and seating a Labor appointee. We have no choice but to interpret this overt disdain for our perspective as an absolute refusal by members of the EJAC to include our voices in the Scoping Plan process.

In addition to the hostility towards Labor's voice, several EJAC members already seem vehemently opposed to the inclusion of Carbon Capture or Hydrogen technologies in any modeling, proposals or conclusions involved in the Scoping Plan. Far from having an open mind, these EJAC members have already drawn a line in the sand before the majority of the Scoping Process has even begun. This closed-mindedness will ultimately result in a scoping document that is biased, counterproductive, and unadoptable. Simply put, all available technologies should be modeled, discussed and considered in crafting the Scoping Plan; failure to do so will taint the entire process.

Continued signaling and persistence from CARB members will hopefully tone down the rhetoric and provide direction to the EJAC as they begin their important work on a Scoping Plan that will impact the lives of our half a million members statewide. Our members will be the reason that California is able to meet this climate crisis. As we have constructed the majority of California's utility-scale renewable energy projects to date, our hardworking membership will continue to be on the frontline of California's aggressive response to climate change. We will be an excellent partner in the work ahead, and we are hopeful that with your and the entire boards intervention, these attempts, steeped in classist ideologies, to marginalize the voice of blue-collar workers, will finally be put to rest. We stand at the ready to partner with CARB so that we can all collectively help California meet its ambitious climate change goals, focused on true solutions that offer our state possibilities rather than hyper-focused on the politics of No.

Respectfully,



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