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Dear Governor Brown,

We write as leaders of national organizations who are pressing for effective action to combat climate change at the national and international level to commend you for leadership in support of California's pioneering climate and clean energy programs and to urge you to move expeditiously to implement these programs to the fullest extent afforded you by law. As you know, there is no time to lose in the fight against a warming climate. It is in this spirit of urgency that we write now to request that you allocate the auction proceeds from the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions trading program for their intended targeted purpose, greenhouse gas reduction, this year and not loan those needed funds to the State's General Fund.

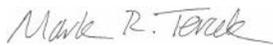
Governor Brown, thank you for being a powerful voice for climate, most recently, on May 23, when you joined 500 respected scientists calling for urgent action to address climate change. We couldn't agree more and urge you to seize the opportunity to direct AB 32 auction proceeds this year to reducing carbon pollution which will help California achieve its GHG reduction levels more quickly and provide jobs and important health and environmental benefits as well as improving the quality of life in disadvantaged communities disproportionately impacted by pollution.

The California Air Resources Control Board recently issued the AB 32 Investment Plan following a meaningful public input process that should guide the allocation of the auction proceeds. This plan was the subject of hearings by the Legislature and is consistent with other laws guiding allocation of AB 32 proceeds, specifically AB 1532 and SB 535.

Governor Brown, we urge you to continue California's leadership on fighting global climate change by spending the AB 32 auction proceeds on activities that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions this year. Our organizations are eager to assist you in anyway as we collectively tackle the most pressing global challenge of our generation.

Given that the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere exceeded 400 ppm last month, it is more important than ever that California continue its leadership in tackling this problem.

Sincerely,



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