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Hon. Mary Nichols, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Mary,

We are at a critical juncture for the environment and the economy – both at home and abroad. Now, more than ever, adoption of the AB 32 Scoping Plan will serve as a call to action for addressing climate change. California's leadership in charting this path to comprehensive emissions reductions will not only directly benefit the state, it will establish an important model for both national and international action. The plan will provide important air quality benefits, reduce our dependence on imported energy, diversify our transportation system, create new jobs and career pathways, and stimulate our struggling economy.

Environmental Defense Fund, with over 500,000 members nation-wide and 100,000 members in California, was an original sponsor of AB32 and remains committed to ensuring California realizes the tremendous environmental and economic benefits that lie ahead. To begin the process of achieving these benefits however, California needs your leadership on December 11, 2008. I urge you and the rest of the board to adopt the AB32 scoping plan.

Sincerely,

Fred Krupp  
President, Environmental Defense Fund