



August 1, 2016

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
 Assembly Appropriations Committee
 State Capitol, Room 2114
 Sacramento, California 95814

Re: SB 32 - Support from Public Health Organizations

Dear Chairwoman Gonzalez and members of the Natural Resources Committee:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations, we write to express our support for Senate Bill 32 (Pavley), that would take the next important step in air quality and climate protection. This bill would continue the state’s leadership in cutting harmful pollutants that threaten public health, delay air quality progress and contribute to climate change by extending California’s climate target. Specifically, SB 32 would require the California Air Resources Board to develop a 2030 greenhouse gas reduction goal equivalent to an 40 percent reduction from 1990 levels with a focus on all climate pollutants including short-lived pollutants such as black carbon and methane.

California’s public health community is united in its support for strong action to protect the public and our environment from the worst impacts of climate change. Human health risks

associated with climate change include heat-related stress and illnesses, ozone pollution and other pollution-related respiratory and cardiac health impacts, wildfire smoke risks, vector-borne diseases, flooding and others. We must act now to cut climate pollution today and ensure that the state remains committed to climate protection for the long-term. SB 32 would help California protect its people from the worst impacts of climate change while reducing pollutants that contribute to cancers, lung diseases, cardiovascular disease and premature death.

SB 32 reinforces the Legislature's intent that California adopt long term climate policies that ensure air quality and public health benefits, especially to California's most vulnerable communities and advance the green economy including job growth and innovation and technology advancement to meet climate challenges and pursue a sustainable future. In developing climate policies to move California forward, we urge priority attention to those policies that achieve direct emission reductions, especially in vulnerable communities.

We believe that this bill would set California on a healthy course forward to protect our residents from the worst impacts of climate change and to ensure California policies achieve near and long-term clean air benefits. We are pleased to support SB 32 to ensure California continues to show strong leadership in reducing climate pollution and providing health benefits to our most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,

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