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Secretary Brian Kelly  
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RE: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

Dear Secretary Kelly,

We are writing to express our strong concerns with the use of per-jurisdictional limitations on applications and/or awards throughout the portfolio of cap-and-trade programs. We are specifically very concerned that the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital program continues to include a limitation of one application per agency. These issues have been raised by Metro and our regional partners in various venues.

Cap-and-trade was established by the legislature with clear policy objectives. The first and foremost is the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), but these objectives also include supporting high speed rail, benefitting disadvantaged communities, and supporting affordable housing near transit. The application of limits established through program guidelines significantly undercuts achieving the State's goals and limits the ability of Los Angeles County to meet these objectives.

Since Los Angeles County comprises over 25 % of the population of California, these limitations dramatically and disproportionately impact Los Angeles County, LA Metro, and other large and urban jurisdictions. Ironically, these are the very areas in the State of California that are investing the most in transit, as well as having the greatest prevalence of disadvantaged communities. Making targeted and strategic investments in California communities such as Los Angeles County, with its large and rapidly growing public transit system, is the best way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Arbitrarily limiting funding in order to achieve a broader geographic reach is not.

We strongly urge you to remove the per-jurisdictional limitations on applications, a provision which we believe will substantially and negatively impact large urban jurisdictions. These limits, both for number of projects and dollar amounts, will have the effect of reducing funding to the very areas that have the greatest potential for GHG reductions. We believe that geographic equity is a far less pressing concern than the overriding goal of the reduction of GHG, and, serving disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with you to ensure that we successfully implement the cap and trade programs for the benefit of the entire state of California.

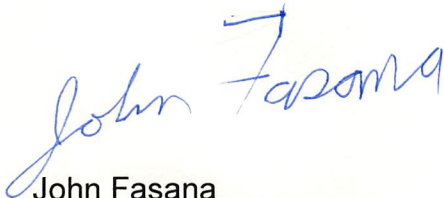
Sincerely,



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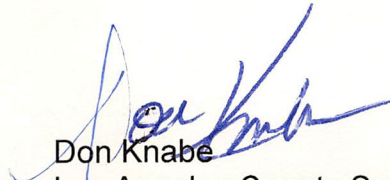
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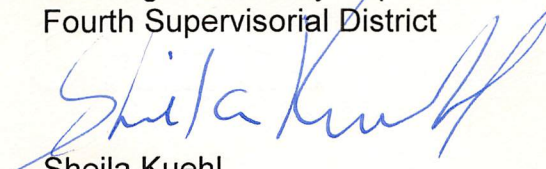
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