

# Health Network for Clean Air

A network of health organizations working to improve air quality in California



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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger and Chairman Lloyd,

We, the undersigned health care professionals, urge you to support the proposed California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles in an effort to protect the public health of all Californians. We believe these regulations are critical to slowing the process of global warming that contributes to hotter temperatures, poor air quality and other public health problems. Elevated smog levels that are expected to result from global warming, may cause serious health problems, including damage to lung tissue, reduced lung function, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis and increased hospitalizations for cardiac and respiratory illnesses.

As health care professionals, we treat patients suffering from illnesses that are caused or exacerbated by air pollution and we see, first-hand, the detrimental effects air pollution has on sensitive groups, including seniors, people with heart or lung disease, children and infants. Given California's already high asthma rates, especially among children, we urge you to do everything possible to reduce air pollution, including global warming gases. We urge you to demonstrate strong leadership for California and to adopt the strongest possible regulations to reduce greenhouse gases from motor vehicles.

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