



Chair Lorena S. Gonzalez
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814
Via Email

July 27, 2016

Re: Support for SB32 (Pavley)

Dear Chair Gonzalez and Committee Members,

Climate Action Campaign (CAC) is a non-profit organization based in San Diego with a simple mission: stop climate change. There is no graver threat to our existence and quality of life than the climate crisis, especially to our most vulnerable and underserved communities. CAC urges you to support SB 32 (Pavley). This bill will preserve and expand California's leadership in combatting climate change by providing a much needed follow up to the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).

By setting a new statewide target to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030, approval of SB 32 provides the necessary next step to stabilize our climate, foster a clean energy economy, improve air quality and protect the health and quality of life of all Californians for generations to come.

Our region has recognized the grim threats posed by climate change, including oppressive heat waves, drought, wildfires, sea level rise, and worsening air quality, with the most severe impacts hitting low-income, communities of color. As a result, many cities in our region are taking action. The Cities of San Diego and Del Mar recently adopted 100% clean energy Climate Plans with GHG goals that are consistent with AB32 and B-30-15, and more cities are in the process of adopting similarly ambitious plans.

California will only succeed in meeting its climate goals if local cities act as critical partners in this endeavor. Clear legal guidance on the state's long-term climate requirements will help limit confusion and ensure all corners of the state move in the same direction, work collaboratively and leverage resources to achieve the same goals. While Executive Orders have set important guidance, legislation would provide further, essential clarification and would help minimize the many, frequent lawsuits that have occurred over greenhouse gas issues.

California cannot afford delay and further uncertainty in how our state is addressing the threats posed by climate change, now and for the long-term. We again urge your support on SB32 to address this important and urgent issue.



Thank you for your consideration,

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Nicole Capretz
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