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April 7, 2009

The Honorable Robert D. Dutton
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 295 (Dutton)** - As Introduced 02/25/2009 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Dutton:

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support SB 295, your legislation to delay the development of regulations implementing the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32, Nunez) until June 1, 2009 and until the Air Resources Board (ARB) has reevaluated the costs associated with the Scoping Plan. SB 295 would also further delay the implementation of the regulations until the California unemployment rate falls below 5.8% for three consecutive months.

As you know, AB 32 requires the State to reduce its greenhouse gas emission to 1990 levels by 2020. AB 32 identified the ARB as the lead agency, and requires the ARB, among other things, to develop a scoping plan for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, to adopt regulations to implement those regulations beginning January 1, 2012.

With the current recession deepening and many of the engines and people of our economy struggling, it is the Board's position that now is not the time to force new regulations that can exacerbate the problems of a recessionary period through higher compliance costs. In addition, the California Legislative Analyst Office's (LAO) review of the AB 32 scoping plan found concerning issues left unaddressed. Citing high reliance on one measure, cost savings of some recommendations measures being inconsistent and incomplete, deficiencies in economic modeling analytical rigor, lack of economic analysis, and failure to lay out an investment pathway, the LAO believes these weaknesses be identified and addressed to ensure AB 32 is implemented in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

For these reasons, the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County supports of SB 295. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lance Larson, the County's Director of Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821. The Board thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

GARY C. OVITT
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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