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Re: AB 1405 (de Leon/ V.M. Perez) – SUPPORT

We respectfully request your support for AB 1405 (de Leon /V. M. Perez), legislation that would establish the Community Benefits Fund to help Californians who are least able to confront the expected impacts of the climate crisis at a local level.

In adopting the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) the State promised to ensure that low-income and disadvantaged communities are protected from and strengthened by efforts to tackle California’s climate crisis. However, to date the State has not adequately established the resources to meet the promise. Therefore, legislation is needed to ensure that these neighborhoods are not left behind.

The Community Benefits Fund would direct a portion of revenues generated via the implementation of AB 32 to help Californians in the most impacted and disadvantaged communities. The Community Benefits Fund would be utilized to help these neighborhoods with emissions reductions at the local level including energy efficiency upgrades and deployment of pollution reduction technology. Additionally, funds could be used to help these communities tackle the climate crisis, including community cooling centers for the anticipated increase in extreme heat episodes.

AB 1405 would help ensure that as California takes steps to solve the climate change, we invest in the neighborhoods that have suffered the most from pollution and will struggle the most with the consequences of the climate crisis.

For these reasons, we ask for your ‘aye’ vote when this legislation is heard in your committee.

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Organization