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Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Kris Paquette. I am a resident of Yorba Linda. I have different reasons that are very important for me to want to see the OC CAP approved. First and foremost is my concern for my grandchildren. I want them to have the healthiest environment possible to live in. I'm assuming this is a fervent wish of all grandparents. I am a retired schoolteacher and now teach environmental science at the Pacific Marine Mammal Center in Laguna Beach. I am very aware of many of the harmful effects that are already happening both in the ocean and on land due to climate change and excessive CO2 emissions.

I see so many reasons why having the OC CAP in place is important. The structured framework which will serve as a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions is the essential first step to move on to many important actions to ensure a healthy future. I understand that it is important in order to secure funding. It is also a tool to ensure cost efficiency and better sustainability practices.

Reducing air pollutants like diesel emissions is important for all of us. Enhancing green spaces, reducing heat islands, and updating infrastructure in underserved areas eventually benefit all.

This document is a very good first step and allows Orange County to catch up and have an avenue for future improvements.

I urge you all to stay forward thinking and proactive as you consider the near- and long-term future of our community. As a constituent, I'm hoping that you stay the course and pass the urgently needed OC CAP.

Sincerely,

Kris Paquette

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