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Dear Secretary Rodriguez:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my decision to step down as Chair and member of the Scientific Review Panel (SRP) as of August 1, 2013. I have served as Chair since 1998 and I treasure that experience. I have had the highest regard for the members of the SRP over the years, and I believe we have made singularly important contributions to addressing the issue of Toxic Air Contaminants in California. I also feel privileged to have worked with the outstanding staff and leadership of the ARB, DPR, and OEHHA. The State is fortunate to have such dedicated professionals in employ. I will cherish these relationships and look forward to interactions on issues of mutual concern in the future.

My reasons for stepping down are straightforward. I retired from UCLA approximately two years ago and it is time to develop my priorities in retirement. I want to spend time with my family and travel, but most importantly to continue my chemical/biologic toxicology research at the UCLA School of Public Health.

My SRP position is that of a toxicologist; I was appointed by Speaker John Perez. I have informed him of my wish to step down. He will need to consider my replacement. I will be pleased to mentor a new Chair on an informal basis for a period of time with the timeline to be determined, if that would be helpful. It is time to review the progress of the SRP and consider new avenues of activity that would enhance the Committee's role, e.g., developing workshops on important topics which require further investigation.

Again, I value my experiences both as a member and Chair of the SRP and believe the Panel's work has dramatically improved air quality in California although much remains to be done.

Thank you for your support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light pink background, reading "John R. Froines".

John R. Froines, Ph.D.

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