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RE: Urgent Request Regarding Relationship Between PM2.5 and Premature Deaths in California

Dear Dr. Jerrett:

This letter is a follow-up to the January 6, 2010 and March 23, 2010 letters to UC President Mark G. Yudof, regarding your research on the relationship between PM2.5 and premature deaths in California. These letters are attached for your reference. We are particularly concerned that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) did not accurately estimate the number of premature deaths in their August 31, 2010 Report “Estimate of Premature Deaths Associated with Fine Particle Pollution in California Using the United States Environmental Protection Agency Methodology.” This report relies primarily the May 2009 Health Effects Institute Research Report 140 “Extended Analysis of the American Cancer Society Study of Particulate Air Pollution and Mortality,” that you co-authored with Daniel Krewski, Ph.D., and others. The 2010 CARB Report has been used as the public health justification for revised CARB diesel regulations that were approved by CARB on December 17, 2010. These regulations have a direct and adverse impact on our businesses and our ability to survive in the California economy.

Consequently, we request a copy of your paper or report that describes in detail your February 26, 2010 CARB Symposium findings on PM2.5 and total mortality in California. Since your three-year $750,000 CARB-funded project “Spatiotemporal Analysis of Air Pollution and Mortality in California Based on the American Cancer Society Cohort” was initiated in January 2007, we assume that you have now prepared a paper based on your 2010 CARB Symposium findings. For your reference, we have summarized your findings in the attached PDF file.

If you have not written this paper and/or cannot share it with us, we request an unredacted copy of pages 1 and 16-19 from your June 25, 2008 CARB Quarterly Progress Report describing Task #10 for this project. A redacted copy of these pages is attached so you know exactly what is being requested.
Finally, we request that you notify CARB that the findings in your February 26, 2010 CARB Symposium presentation and in the attached August 31, 2010 letter from Dr. Krewski do not support the conclusion that PM2.5 is responsible for 9,200 premature deaths per year in California.

All the concerns that are stated in our 2010 letters still stand. As California taxpayers who are directly impacted by your California taxpayer funded research at a California taxpayer funded university, we hope you will respond appropriately and promptly.

Thank you very much for your consideration regarding this important request.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachments:

June 25, 2008 CARB Jerrett Quarterly Progress Report (5 pages)
(http://www.cdtoa.org/CARBdocs/Jerrett_letter_final_1-6-09.pdf)

January 6, 2010 Ad Hoc Group letter to Yudof re Jerrett (3 pages)
(http://www.cdtoa.org/CARBdocs/Jerrett%20CARB_Final060310.pdf)

February 26, 2010 CARB Symposium Jerrett Summary PDF (3 pages)
(http://www.cdtoa.org/CARBdocs/Jerrett%20CARB_Final060310.pdf)

March 24, 2010 Ad Hoc Group letter to Yudof re Jerrett (14 pages)
(http://www.cdtoa.org/CARBdocs/letters/AdHocGroupLettertoYudofReJerrettMisconduct032410.pdf)

August 31, 2010 Krewski letter to Greenbaum then to Brown (6 pages)
(http://www.cdtoa.org/CARBdocs/letters/HEI%20Supplemental%20Data%20Analysis%20Results%20CDTOA%20090710.pdf)