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Subject: Request Regarding November 4 Adams Letter & CARB

December 5, 2008

Linda S. Adams  
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Dear Secretary Adams:

I am writing regarding your attached November 4, 2008 letter to my colleague Dr. S. Stanley Young. Your letter was written in response to his letter to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding the May 22, 2008 CARB Draft Staff Report "Methodology for Estimating Premature Deaths Associated with Long-Term Exposures to Fine Airborne Particulate Matter in California." Your letter makes the following statement "Regarding the professional background of the authors, the lead author and project coordinator, Hien Tran, holds a doctorate degree in statistics from the University of California at Davis, . . ." However, I have determined from the UC Davis Registrar and the UC Davis Statistics Department that Hien Tran holds NO Ph.D. in statistics from UC Davis. Furthermore, I have searched ProQuest Dissertation Express (<http://disexpress.umi.com/dxweb#search>) and there is NO evidence of a dissertation on any subject from any university awarded to the Hien T. Tran employed by CARB. ProQuest UMI Dissertation Publishing has been publishing dissertations and theses since 1938 and has published over 2 million graduate works from graduate schools around the world (<http://www.proquest.com/en-US/products/dissertations/>). I request that you ask Hien T. Tran about the validity of his alleged Ph.D. in statistics from UC Davis, because it is directly relevant to his honesty and scientific integrity.

Within the next few days I will submit public comments to CARB specifically identifying serious errors and misrepresentations made by Hien T. Tran in connection with the final October 24, 2008 CARB Staff Report "Methodology for Estimating Premature Deaths Associated with Long-Term Exposures to Fine Airborne Particulate Matter in California" ([http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/health/pm-mort/pm-mort\\_final.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/health/pm-mort/pm-mort_final.pdf)). I will send my CARB comments to you as well. I would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter because the CARB Staff Report is an important part of the public health justification for costly "Statewide Truck and Bus Regulations" (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2008/truckbus08/truckbus08.htm>) that are scheduled for a vote by CARB on December 11, 2008 (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/board/ma/2008/ma121108.htm>). If possible, please inform CARB members about this matter by December 11.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,

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