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 Arcadia Chamber
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 Asian American Economic Development Enterprise
 Asian Business Association
 Association of Independent Commercial Producers
 Assua Chamber
 Bell Gardens Chamber
 Beverly Hills Chamber
 Beverly Hills / Greater LA Association of Realtors
 Burbank Association of Realtors
 Burbank Chamber
 Building Industry Association, LA / Ventura Counties
 Building Owners & Managers Association, Greater LA
 CalAsian Chamber
 California Apartment Association, Los Angeles
 California Business Roundtable
 California Cannabis Industry Association
 California Construction Industry and Materials Association
 California Contract Cities Association
 California Consumer Finance Association
 California Fashion Association
 California Grocers Association
 California Hotel & Lodging Association
 California Independent Bankers
 California Independent Petroleum Association
 California Life Sciences Association
 California Metals Coalition
 California Restaurant Association
 California Small Business Alliance
 California Trucking Association
 CALInnovates
 Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance
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 Citrus Valley Association of Realtors
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 Consumer Healthcare Products Association
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 Glendale Chamber
 Glendora Chamber
 Greater Los Angeles Auto Show
 Greater Lakewood Chamber
 Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber
 Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association
 Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
 Harbor City / Harbor Gateway Chamber
 Harbor Trucking Association
 Hollywood Chamber
 Hospital Association of Southern California
 Hotel Association of Los Angeles
 Industry Manufacturers Council
 International Warehouse Logistics Association
 Inglewood Airport Area Chamber
 Irwindale Chamber
 Japan Business Association of Southern California
 La Canada Flintridge Chamber
 LAX Coastal Area Chamber
 Leadership for Urban Renewal Network
 League of California Cities
 Long Beach Area Chamber
 Los Angeles Area Chamber
 Los Angeles Black MBA Association
 Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator
 Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
 Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs
 Los Angeles County Waste Management Association
 Los Angeles Junior Chamber
 Los Angeles Latino Chamber
 Los Angeles Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber
 Malibu Chamber
 Los Angeles Parking Association
 Los Angeles Urban League
 Los Angeles World Affairs Council
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 Motion Picture Association of America
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 Pacific Merchant Shipping Association
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 Regional San Gabriel Valley Chamber
 Rosemead Chamber
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 San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance
 San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
 Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.
 San Pedro Peninsula Chamber
 Santa Monica Chamber
 Santa Monica Junior Chamber
 Small Business Action Committee
 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Los Angeles
 South Asian Business Alliance Network
 South Bay Association of Chambers
 South Bay Association of Realtors
 Southern California Golf Association
 Southern California Manufacturers
 Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council Inc.
 Southern California Water Committee
 Southland Regional Association of Realtors
 South Park Stakeholders Group
 Toluca Lake Chamber
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 United Chambers San Fernando Valley
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 United States-Mexico Chamber
 U.S. Green Building Council-LA
 Valley Economic Alliance
 Valley Economic Development Center
 Valley Industry & Commerce Association
 Valley International Trade Association
 Vernon Chamber
 Vietnamese American Chamber
 Water Replenishment District
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 West Hollywood Chamber
 West Los Angeles Chamber
 West San Gabriel Valley Association
 Western Manufacturers Housing Association
 Westside Council of Chambers
 Western States Petroleum Association
 West Valley/Warner Center Chamber
 Westwood Village Improvement Association
 Wilmington Chamber
 Young Professionals in Energy - LA Chapter
 Youth Business Alliance
 Warner Center Association

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The Honorable Fran Pavley
 State Capitol, Room 5108
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 32 (Pavley) Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Emissions Limit

Dear Senator Pavley:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation ("BizFed") - a grassroots alliance of more than 160 top business groups representing 275,000 employers with 3 million employees throughout Los Angeles County - we are writing to respectfully oppose SB 32, as amended on June 30, 2016. Please accept this letter as our formal position on this version of the legislation.

BizFed understands that SB 32 (Pavley) is contingent on the passage of AB 197 (Garcia) *State Air Resources Board: Greenhouse Gases*, which establishes legislative oversight and establishes specified considerations that the Air Resources Board must make in future greenhouse gas regulations. We have also submitted a letter in opposition to AB 197, as amended on June 8, 2016, enclosed herein. We incorporate all of our points in the AB 197 opposition letter here.

A. It is Premature to Extend AB 32 While a Relevant Court of Appeals Decision is Pending.

The California Court of Appeal, Third District, is currently considering the legality of AB 32's Cap-and-Trade Program, specifically whether the auction proceeds are an unconstitutional tax. It would make the most sense to wait on SB 32 until this legal challenge is determined by the courts, to avoid piecemeal legislating. Because SB 32 does not extend Cap-and-Trade, any effort to do so would have to occur at a later date. It seems politically inefficient and infeasible to do so in subsequent legislative years. Moreover, the timing of SB 32's revival so late in this legislative session precludes the meaningful public discourse that is needed before any extension of AB 32 occurs. We address this latter point below.

B. SB 32 is also Premature Because there has been No Analysis of AB 32's Effectiveness or Cost.

SB 32 currently contains a provision requiring ARB, by January 1, 2018 and annually thereafter, to report the "amounts, sources, and locations" of greenhouse gas reductions achieved toward the statewide emissions limits. This provision should be a standalone requirement that comes ahead of any extension of AB 32. BizFed therefore requests an amendment that decouples this provision from the bill's current mandate that the state achieve a 40 percent reduction below AB 32 levels by 2030. We also request that the Legislature undertake other efforts to robustly analyze and understand the impacts of AB 32 regulation over the past decade, on both California businesses and jobs, by amending the bill to also require a similar report by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office. The Legislature now has a decade worth of information that can guide this area of the law and policy going forward, which is especially important as the state is posturing to set 2030 and 2050 standards.

Moreover, AB 197 does not address these concerns. While AB 197 appears to constrain the ability of ARB in regulating greenhouse gases in the future, the

ambiguity throughout the bill actually gives ARB unfettered discretion to achieve the reductions required by SB 32. BizFed cannot support SB 32 and AB 197 in their current form because they shirk the Legislature's moral responsibility to assess the effectiveness of existing greenhouse gas regulations – both in terms of cost and in terms of actual reductions achieved.

We appreciate the opportunity to explain our position and will remain engaged in this legislation throughout the remainder of the Legislative Session.



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THE MANY STATES OF CALIFORNIA: HOW LIKELY VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA'S JUNE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY VIEW THE ISSUES

– Wide differences observed by party and across the state's five major regions –

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A new survey of Californians likely to vote in the state's upcoming June 7 presidential primary examines the issues voters in the nation's largest state consider most important when deciding whom to support for president. The study was conducted on behalf of the USC Schwarzenegger Institute by *The Field Poll*.

Jobs and the economy emerges as the California electorate's top ranking issue, with three in four likely voters (74%) considering it among their most important issues in this year's presidential election. Concerns about the economy cross party lines, with greater than seven in ten likely voters in both the state's Democratic and Republican presidential primaries rating it among their top issues. There is also general consensus among Democratic and Republican primary election voters about the importance of *health care*, *education/public schools*, and *Social Security*, with likely voters in both parties ranking each among their top ten campaign issues.

However, there are big partisan differences in the relative importance of many of the other top issues in this year's presidential campaign. For example, likely voters in California's Democratic presidential primary are far more likely than their Republican counterparts to consider the following as salient campaign issues, and rank them among their top ten issues – *climate change*, *income inequality*, *college affordability*, *equal pay for women*, *ensuring clean air/water*, and *keeping the U.S. out of war*.

On the other hand, California's Republican primary voters are more likely than their Democratic primary voters to include *reducing the deficit/size of government*, *the terrorist threat/protecting the homeland*, *reducing taxes*, *immigration*, *Supreme Court appointments*, and *trade policies* among their top ten issues in the presidential campaign.

The following table ranks the relative importance of the twenty-one issues measured in the survey among California's overall primary electorate, and how likely voters in the Democratic presidential primary and those likely to vote in the Republican primary rate each issue.

Table 1			
The relative importance of twenty-one issues to Californians when considering whom to support for President (among likely voters in the June primary)			
	% rating this among their most important issues		
	Total likely voters	Democratic presidential primary voters	Republican presidential primary voters
Jobs/the economy	74%	73%	77%
Education/public schools	67	73	56
Health care	66	70	58
Terrorist threat/protecting the homeland	64	55	81
Social Security	63	64	62
Ensuring clean air/water	62	73	41
Supreme Court appointments	57	55	61
Keeping U.S. out of war	54	65	34
Equal pay for women	53	66	30
Immigration	49	45	58
Reducing the deficit/size of government	49	34	75
Gun laws	47	48	43
College affordability	46	58	26
Income inequality	44	60	17
Energy policies	44	52	30
Race relations	43	53	24
Climate change	42	58	15
Trade policies	39	35	47
Abortion	39	43	32
Reducing Taxes	36	27	53
Same-sex marriage/LGBT policies	29	38	13

Note: Likely voters in the Democratic presidential primary include both registered Democrats and voters registered as No Party Preference who report being likely to vote in the Democratic presidential primary.

2014 Age-Adjusted Death Rates by State and County and Ethnicity

Deaths per 1,000 persons (age-adjusted using 2000 U.S. Standard Population)
with 95% Confidence Interval shown in parentheses

<http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10.html>

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<u>Location</u>	<u>2014 Age-Adjusted Death Rate (95% Confidence Interval)</u>		
	<u>All Causes</u>	<u>All Cancer</u>	<u>All Respiratory</u>
	ICD-10=All Codes	ICD-10=C00-D48	ICD-10=J00-J98
United States (50 States + DC)	7.25 (7.24-7.26)	1.66 (1.65-1.66)	0.71 (0.71-0.71)
California (2 nd lowest State)	6.06 (6.03-6.08)	1.48 (1.46-1.49)	0.57 (0.56-0.57)
South Coast Air Basin (SCAB = Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties)	5.93	1.46	0.55
Hawaii (Lowest State)	5.89 (5.77-6.00)	1.44 (1.38-1.49)	0.53 (0.50-0.56)
Los Angeles County	5.71 (5.66-5.75)	1.42 (1.40-1.44)	0.53 (0.52-0.55)
Orange County	5.48 (5.40-5.56)	1.38 (1.34-1.42)	0.47 (0.45-0.49)
California Hispanics	5.02 (4.97-5.07)	1.18 (1.16-1.20)	0.39 (0.38-0.41)
SCAB Hispanics	4.96	1.19	0.39