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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
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Washington, DC 20510-0505

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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Dear Senator Boxer,

We, the undersigned California cities and governments, urge you to support the EPA's ability to enforce clean air standards. We believe that efforts currently circulating in Congress to gut the EPA's authority will result in negative environmental and health impacts, and limit innovation and investment in clean technologies.

New rules under the Clean Air Act, including the Clean Air Transport Rule (CATR) and the Toxics Rule, will mandate reductions in toxic power plant emissions and stimulate investment in clean energy technology. These reductions will reduce emissions by millions of tons per year and prevent 14,000 to 36,000 premature deaths.

California has long been a national leader in environmental protection, and as a result we've benefited from a fast-growing clean tech sector. Strong clean air standards send a clear regulatory signal to dirty plants that they must clean up their act, a process which spurs innovation and development in clean energy technology.

Studies have shown that the benefits of these regulations far outweigh the costs. We have a responsibility to our citizens to do everything we can to protect their air supply and encourage harmful power plants to adopt better technology.

Please join us in supporting the authority of the EPA by opposing efforts to limit these critical clean air standards.

Sincerely,