

July 31, 2006

Speaker Fabian Nunez
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Speaker Nunez,

I write to respectfully express my strong support for AB 32, The Global Warming Solutions Act. Global Warming is a serious problem with major implications for California. I believe this bill is in the best interests of California's economy and environment.

The argument over the reality of global warming is over. The scientific community has overwhelmingly concluded that the threat of global warming is very real. Both states and the federal government must act promptly and resolutely to confront this issue. AB 32 presents an opportunity for the legislature to do just that.

The effects of global warming and climate change on California are well documented and include:

- Displacement of low-lying communities;
- Increased risk of natural disasters such as flooding, coastal erosion, and wildfires;
- Public health cost because of poor air quality and heat waves;
- Damage to agriculture and water shortages;
- Ecosystem degradation.

AB 32 will put California at the vanguard of innovative approaches to curbing emissions of greenhouse gases and controlling global warming. By capping and reducing emissions this bill will enhance our state's well-deserved reputation for being a leader in addressing air pollution. Numerous states have followed our lead by adopting clean car legislation. Hopefully, states and the nation will once again follow our lead by addressing global warming in a meaningful way.

This bill also has an economic component. AB 32 will boost California's economy by spurring investment and development of green technologies and renewable energy sources. Increased investment will lead to the creation of new jobs and opportunities for many Californians.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our state. I look forward to AB 32 becoming law.

Sincerely,

Pete Stark
Member of Congress