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The Honorable Wesley Chesbro, Chairman
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1020 N Street Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 146 (Dickinson) – Sacramento area representation on CARB—**SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Chesbro:

The El Dorado County Air Quality Management District supports AB 146 (Dickinson). AB 146 would require the Governor to appoint a board member from one of local air districts in the federally-designated Sacramento non-attainment region to the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

The state's other large non-attainment areas including the South Coast, San Joaquin, Bay Area and San Diego regions have designated CARB board members, but the Sacramento region does not. AB 146 is needed to provide a voice in vital air quality policy decisions to the most populous non-attainment region in the state without designated representation on CARB.

Furthermore, CARB itself benefits from having local air districts vigorously engaged in its decision-making processes. Air districts play a vital role in ensuring that proposed CARB regulations can be sensibly implemented by local communities and businesses. The Sacramento region has been an especially innovative leader in fostering collaborative solutions on air quality challenges. Board members of local air districts are elected officials skilled at protecting both the environment and the economy.

With over two million residents, we hope you will agree that the Sacramento region deserves representation when state-level air quality policy decisions are made. We urge you to support this important measure, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Nutting, Chair
Air Quality Management District
El Dorado County

cc: The Honorable Steve Knight, Vice Chair, Assembly Natural Resources
The Honorable Ted Gaines, 1st Senate District
The Honorable Alyson Huber, 10th Assembly District