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January 28, 2019

Mr. Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

RE: Rule 1410 – South Coast Air Quality Management District

Dear Mr. Nastri:

The purpose of this letter is to convey my concern with both the 1410 process and to the potential disruption of clean and affordable fuel.

As you know, energy is vital for the continued growth of our economy and affordable energy is at the heart. Refineries in the South Bay are an essential asset. Regionally, the refineries account for 10% of statewide gasoline, 80% of the marine diesel used at both Long Beach and Los Angeles Ports, and 30% of jet fuel used at LAX (51 million passengers travel through LAX every year).

I am concerned that the SCAQMD has not heeded the concerns that the State of California Energy Commission highlighted in their presentation to the board on September 20, 2017 (CEC September 20, 2017 Presentation "Potential Transportation Fuel Supply and Price Impacts of HF Ban, Proposed Rule 1410 Working Group Meeting #6," Slide 27 – "HF Ban – Fuel Price Implications").

Although the SCAQMD has directed staff to begin working towards resolving the stalemate and enter into agreements that address safety concerns, the preservation of union jobs and the elimination of a phaseout (MHF) plan, none have been reached as of today.

I am asking that you work with the skilled men and women in the industry and our union leadership to resolve the outstanding and unresolved concerns. I encourage dialogue and the exploration of an individual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with both refineries. I believe that both refineries are willing and able to add additional safety enhancements with appropriate design criteria in accordance with an agreed timeline. The MOU process seems to be the most expeditious, efficient and effective way to bring closure to this contentious matter.

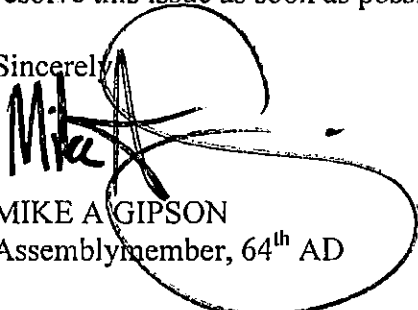
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I hope you will give your thoughtful consideration to my request. I look forward to helping resolve this issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike A. Gipson", is written over a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is somewhat stylized and overlaps the oval.

MIKE A GIPSON
Assemblymember, 64th AD

Cc: Dr. William A. Burke, Chairman
SCAQMD Governing Board