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Dear Representatives,

Given the current myopic dysfunction in the executive branch of the federal government, and a Congress beholden to the big polluters, it is more imperative than ever that states take the lead in combating the greatest danger to our national security that we face: climate change. I urge you to be part of this movement by passing SB 557 and HB 2468 as an initial first step toward reining in our indiscriminate consumption of finite resources.

It is essential that every step taken be informed by the best available, non-partisan scientific research. We can't afford 'alternate facts' to direct our course of action. The EPA must be free to set greenhouse gas reduction goals based on what is needed, not what industry thinks it can bear. While I recognize that the funding of intensive reduction in climate pollution may have to compete with any number of deserving programs, we must recognize that only climate change has the potential to render all other concerns moot.

In formulating this on-going program, of which the two bills currently before you represent an effective first step, I urge you to be mindful of those least responsible for this crisis yet most likely to bear the brunt of its effects. Any program initiated needs to accommodate the economic impact on communities of color, rural areas, coastal communities, and others at-risk from climate change, and provide for the peaceful transition of such threatened populations to a more secure living environment.

Yes, the initial costs of these programs, and their impact on existing programs, may be considerable, although they are very likely to provide long range economic benefits in the form of jobs in construction, tourism, and other areas. It is vital that we commit to this endeavor, as we cannot expect any help from the federal government, which is far more likely to be a hindrance than a support. Yet commit we must, for anything else we must confront in the near future pales by comparison to the havoc which climate change will cause. It's not a matter of if, but when, and the 'when' is now.

Yours sincerely,  
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- an economy-wide, science based, declining cap on climate pollution (greenhouse gas emissions);
- a funding mechanism to administer the program and help bolster clean energy jobs and
- a commitment for a just transition for communities of color, rural areas and others particularly at-risk from the effects of climate change.

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