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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Assembly Bill 1207 – Cap and Invest Reauthorization – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the American Lung Association, we write to express our support for the state's Cap and Invest program reauthorization contained in Assembly Bill 1207 (Irwin, Rivas Limón, McGuire). Our organization sees the Cap and Invest reauthorization's strengthening provisions as a key step forward – and a platform for additional work. Similarly, we appreciate the attention to zero-emission technology investments, as well as support for clean air programs at the community level included in the budget bills and urge ongoing consideration for these programs.

Californians face the most difficult air pollution challenges in the United States, with nearly 90 percent impacted by ozone and/or particle pollution. We recognize that there are significant disparities in populations impacted by unhealthy air due to local sources of diesel emissions, industrial pollution, and other sectors. These pollutants add significantly to local – and unaffordable – health harms.

At the same time, climate change impacts represent a significant, multi-generational threat to public health that amplifies disparities and health risks to respiratory and all health functions. With federal efforts to gut climate and clean air protections, the ongoing need for investment in climate change mitigation in California could not be more clear.

The reauthorization of the Cap and Invest improvements contained in AB 1207 includes important strengthening provisions to drive additional reductions in climate pollutants, including the alignment of the program with 2030 and 2045 climate standards. The program will also improve upon the climate credit program to reduce electricity costs for Californians, while also reducing emissions from gasoline.

In addition, in recognition to the urgency of support for lower-income communities in California, the budget bills AB 105/SB 105 will provide critical investments in the Community Air Protection Program, air district-level Clean Cars for All program, and investment in infrastructure for zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Combined, these programs will support ongoing reductions in climate pollutants, smog-forming emissions, diesel particulate pollution, and other air pollutants therefore improving air quality and public health.

The Lung Association supports AB 1207, and we urge you to sign it into law. Thank you for considering our comments. Please contact me at Mariela.Ruacho@Lung.org for more information.

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