

## OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN

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**“Again California is leading the way. We are reducing emissions as required by AB 32 and we will meet our goal of getting carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020... The point is: you have to think big, think long, but you don't get there overnight.”** (*Governor Brown, at the ECONomics WSJ conference in 2012*)

**We couldn't agree more.**

You have made climate change and clean energy a priority in your Administration, and have demonstrated real leadership in addressing this urgent threat. The looming impacts upon our communities, particularly those that are disproportionately impacted, are becoming increasingly dire. We applaud you for your foresight and leadership, which stretches back decades.

In a week when new projections showed that climate impacts are worse than we thought, and China and the U.S. finally struck a deal to reduce climate pollution, the message coming from Sacramento is that we can afford to slow things down.

You understand how our state's growing clean energy economy is due in large part to policies established under AB 32, which are driving innovation, creating jobs and stimulating investments, fueling the state's recovery. The clean tech sector supports investing funds from cap and trade auction proceeds to grow and thrive in California now, not in the future.

Through dozens of public meetings that your Administration hosted, hundreds of residents from all parts of the state and all walks of life shared thoughtful and constructive proposals on how to invest auction proceeds. Projects and programs are in place and ready to expand tomorrow if funds are available to do so. The public's confidence in this process and the policy is at stake here.

If further enhancements to the investment plan are needed, we would like to work together in order to give your office, and the public, confidence that these funds will be invested in a way that maximizes climate, public health and other co-benefits.

You committed in your State of the State address that you would continue AB 32's innovative programs and build on them *every way you could*. Your personal involvement in and commitment to reducing the threat and preparing for the inevitability of climate change have cemented the state's leadership on these issues globally.

**The undersigned call on you to follow through on the commitments made and the policies that voters have affirmed. We ask you to pledge swift repayment by a date certain of the \$500 million loan of auction proceeds and rapid initiation of funding for programs envisioned by the investment plan, including the possibility of doing so within the 2013-14 fiscal year should auction revenues exceed \$500 million.**

**Our communities, our economy and our climate are depending on it.**

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