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Comments on the Draft Protocol

I mentioned this to the panel at the meeting in Sacramento 7/10, but it bears repeating formally. The omission of employee commute from the protocol, and relegating tracking and measures addressing this to a level 3 voluntary, is a mistake.

In an era of diminishing resources and tough policy choices, local governments are concentrating on the necessary and required, and the chances of having this area adequately addressed in that environment are poor. The area of transportation/commute must be addressed for us to really address climate change in California. HOWEVER, funding/resources must also be made available to local governments to accomplish this task. An unfunded mandate is not an option. Local Government can and will manage this issue given adequate resources. This element of the program must be developed in concert with standards and requirements. Thank you.

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