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Re: AB 1288 (Atkins and Pavley) Air Resources- Request for Signature

Msgr. John Armistead
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Dear Governor Brown:

John Curtis, CPA
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The Environmental Justice Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton, strongly supports AB 1288 (Atkins and Pavley), to add two new members that work with low-income communities and communities of color to the California Air Resources Board. Since 2006, the EJ Program has been bringing our unique Catholic voice to the state's efforts to reduce pollution and combat climate change, with a special concern for impacts on poor and vulnerable communities.

Dr. Elmano Costa
Secretary
CSU, Stanislaus

It is time that representatives working directly with the poor and vulnerable communities that Catholic Charities serves are included at the highest levels of decision-making. Catholic Social Teaching includes the principle of subsidiarity, which means that policy, decision-making, and responsibility should remain with the most local level possible. In the case of climate change, we clearly need local communities *and* the state of California to take action. To ensure that voices of the most vulnerable are heard and the local concerns of our most impacted communities are addressed, it is necessary to include them in more centralized decision-making, including at the Air Resources Board.

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We respectfully ask for your signature on AB 1288.

John Souza
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Sincerely,

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