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Working Toward Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions  
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## **Coalition Asks for Honest Economic Assessment of State's Climate Plan Economic Concerns Prompt European Union to Reconsider Costs of Climate Policies**

SACRAMENTO – In light of the worsening economic downturn and growing concerns worldwide about the cost of climate change policies, a coalition representing 170 business organizations today requested the California Air Resources Board to correct major errors in its rosy economic analysis of the state's climate change policies.

“Now more than ever, Californians deserve an honest economic assessment of what AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act) will cost them,” said Dorothy Rothrock, co-chair of the AB 32 Implementation Group and Vice-President of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association. “The Air Board's assertion that the world's most ambitious climate change law won't cost a penny is simply not credible.”

The statewide coalition submitted an 18-page critique of CARB's economic analysis of the AB 32 Scoping Plan documenting the substantive errors that led to the overly optimistic conclusion by air board staff. It also called on the agency to conduct a more comprehensive economic analysis that determines the cost of the state's climate change plan on California companies and consumers before it is implemented.

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“Even the European Union has amended its climate policies to require more comprehensive cost-effectiveness studies before they become binding because many countries feared the EU’s climate plan would be too expensive, cause economic turmoil and would increase unemployment,” said Amisha Patel, co-chair of the AB 32 Implementation Group and Policy Analyst for the California Chamber of Commerce.

“You have to question why European countries believe the EU Plan will result in economic turmoil and lost jobs for a 20% GHG emission reduction while the Air Board staff asserts California’s plan, which requires a nearly 30% GHG emission reduction, won’t cost a penny,” said Patel.

The AB 32 Implementation Group is a coalition of 170 business organizations working for a climate change strategy that achieves greenhouse gas emissions in a balanced, cost-effective way. More information can be found at [www.ab32ig.com](http://www.ab32ig.com).

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