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# AB 32 Implementation Group

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Working Toward Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions  
And Enhancing California's Competitiveness

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**ILL-CONCEIVED LITIGATION THREATENS CRITICAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE, JOBS  
URGENT ACTION NEEDED BEFORE IMPROVEMENTS COME TO  
STANDSTILL**

SACRAMENTO – Vitaly important transportation, water supply, flood control, housing and manufacturing projects could be delayed unless Governor Schwarzenegger and legislators take action to curb a misguided litigation campaign that already has stopped progress on many critical projects.

Over the past few months, Attorney General Jerry Brown and others have challenged a growing list of regional transportation plans, county general plans, housing developments and manufacturing projects claiming, the applicants haven't adequately explained how they will deal with greenhouse gas emissions. The same legal theory could likewise certainly be applied to almost any transportation, public infrastructure or private project.

“California voters want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but also recognize the critical need to repair our state's aging public infrastructure and create jobs,” said Dorothy Rothrock, co-chair of the AB 32 Implementation Group and Vice-President of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association.

“These lawsuits will both undermine AB 32 (The Global Warming Solutions Act) and delay or stop vital public and private projects,” said Rothrock.

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“Lawsuits are the wrong way to develop a cost-effective plan to address climate change,” Rothrock continued. “These legal challenges won’t help achieve AB 32’s goals. But they will undermine the deliberative process initiated by the Legislature and Governor under AB 32 for the California Air Resources Board to develop a greenhouse gas reduction plan. The litigation will instead create an ad-hoc process where individual superior court judges - rather than the state’s air quality experts - would determine climate change policy. It’s simply a recipe for chaos.”

“The risk to California’s jobs and economy is staggering,” said AB 32 Implementation Group Co-Chair Dominic Dimare, Vice-President of the California Chamber of Commerce. “Instead of a years-long, chaotic project-by-project court struggle to determine the outcome of these challenges, the coalition is urging the state’s leadership to settle the issue immediately through legislative action that requires the proper agencies to develop guidelines for analyzing greenhouse gas emission impacts and protect important projects from these unwarranted lawsuits.”

The coalition -- representing companies which employ millions of Californians -- supports cost effective implementation of AB 32 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while sustaining California’s economy. Members of the AB 32 Implementation Group include the California Manufacturers & Technology Ass’n, California Chamber of Commerce, California Taxpayers’ Ass’n, Small Business Action Committee, California Black Chamber of Commerce, California Building Industry Ass’n, California Business Properties Ass’n, California Business Roundtable, California Citrus Mutual, California Cotton Ginners and Growers Ass’n, California Forestry Ass’n, California Grocers Ass’n, California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, California League of Food Processors,

California Metals Coalition, California Nevada Cement Ass'n, California Retailers Ass'n, California Poultry Federation, California Small Business Alliance, California Small Business Ass'n, Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC), Dairy Institute of California, Valley Industry and Commerce Ass'n (VICA), Western States Petroleum Ass'n, the Wine Institute and more than a dozen local chambers of commerce and farm bureaus.

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