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To the devoted public servants of CalEPA,

I write to you from the densest area west of the Mississippi - where Chinatown and Telegraph Hill collide in the northeastern corner of San Francisco. My message is of grave concern for the most recent update of CalEnviroScreen which leaves many of my fellow San Franciscans in jeopardy.

This critical tool to ensure equity in the disbursement of state resources to our most vulnerable Californians must be amended to meet the following two needs:

- 1) maintain resilience against the fickle winds of gentrification in a state facing massive income inequality**
- 2) resist pitting the needs of rural residents against city-dwellers in the Golden State**

As you are well aware, environmental impacts do not discern between urban or pastoral. Whether in the shadow of skyscrapers or the Sierras, the most vulnerable Californians' must be captured by this tool's disadvantaged status to ensure resources are disbursed in ways that meet the demands of our moment - where low income and high risk families face the most risk of environment-related health impacts.

I urge you to expand the top 25% threshold to 35% and to combine the disadvantaged tracts from the last three CalEnviroScreen versions to protect that disadvantaged status further into the future.

Please take action and ensure this latest version of CalEnviroScreen truly reflects the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors across the state.

With deep appreciation for your commitment to our environment - and for your time and consideration,

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