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RE: AB 617: Community Air Protection Program – Letter of Support for the City of Arvin’s Bid

Dear AB 617 Representatives,

I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the City of Arvin’s application to the AB 617 Community Air Protection Program (CAAP). The City of Arvin is making strides on multiple fronts to reduce greenhouse gases, ozone, particulate matter, and energy usage. Funds from this program will help support their momentum and significantly improve air quality.

The proposal for AB 617 focuses on the entire urbanized portion of the City from Arvin High School on the north, (south of Sunset Boulevard) to El Camino Real Elementary School in the south, and from Comanche Drive in the west, to Tejon Highway on the east. Additional funding will help improve air quality standards and health outcomes for the South Kern non-attainment area as particulate matter and ozone continue to be a significant challenge.

I strongly support initiatives that improve the public health, safety, and well-being of the families and those most impacted in my district. I applaud the City of Arvin for its effort to build capacity and collaborate with non-profit and equity organizations to achieve CAAP goals. The City has experience in implementing programs such as Urban Greening, Urban Forestry, fleet electrification, and electric charging stations. AB 617 Funds will add additional resources to help improve the quality of life in the Central Valley.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend the City of Arvin as a recipient of AB 617 Funds. This community will be a prime example of best practices for the San Joaquin Valley Air District and the California Air Resources Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Kern District Office at (661) 335-0302.

Sincerely,

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