Dear Members,

On behalf of ACC-OC President Stephanie Klopfenstein, Councilmember for Garden Grove and the ACC-OC Board of Directors, I am writing to urgently request your immediate action regarding a critical threat to air quality management in our region. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed the disapproval of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (SCAQMD) Regional Clean Air Incentives Market (RECLAIM) program, a decision that could have severe implications for our community's health and environment.

SCAQMD's <u>slides</u> and letter <u>here</u> outline the alarming details of the EPA's proposed disapproval and its potential impact on our region's air quality. ACC-OC and the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) have signed a joint letter requesting deadline extension:

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The current deadline for public comment is March 4th, and I am urging each of you to take immediate action. We are requesting an extension of the deadline for an additional 30 days to allow for a thorough review and meaningful public input.

Subsequent communications will provide a summary of substantive comments on the proposed disapproval. In the meantime, please join us in advocating for an extension of the comment period and voicing your opposition to the EPA's proposed disapproval.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Kris Murray Executive Director ACC-OC