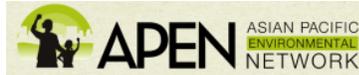




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VOTE YES ON AB 378

(Garcia, Holden, Garcia)

- ✓ Authorizes cap-and-trade beyond 2020 to backstop California’s world-leading climate protection plan
- ✓ Aligns California’s climate and air quality programs by ensuring industrial polluters behind the curve on air quality do not profit from free allowances
- ✓ Takes next big step in furthering California’s climate leadership in response to backsliding from the Trump Administration

Leadership Begins at Home

California's climate plan is designed to catalyze broader action by setting an example for others to follow. But for California to lead the way globally, it must take care of its own vulnerable communities. With millions of Californians still suffering from some of the worst air quality in the country, **AB 378 recognizes the opportunity to promote strategies that deliver criteria, toxic, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.**

Specifically, AB 378 authorizes the Air Resources Board to extend a market-based means of achieving California's 2030 emissions limit, but on the condition that industrial facilities adhere to best practices in controlling local air pollution to be eligible for free allowances. According to the [Congressional Budget Office](#), free allowances are "essentially equivalent to the distribution of cash grants." **AB 378 stops the practice of subsidizing industrial laggards at the expense of public health and diverting revenue away from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to invest in clean air solutions for the benefit of all Californians.**

In response to issues raised by industry and other stakeholders, **recent amendments remove facility-level caps** on greenhouse gas emissions. The authors also remain committed to continuing their dialogue with the local air districts on developing the air emission standards.

We urge your "AYE" vote on AB 378