RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAINTAINING CLEAN AIR ACT STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the passage of the House of Representatives Bill HR 806, vehemently opposed by doctors and public health groups, including the American Lung Assn. and the American Academy of Pediatrics, would negatively affect California more than any other state, by delaying, for years, any new anti-pollution standards aimed at ultimately preventing 160,000 childhood asthma attacks and 220 premature deaths each year in California, and

WHEREAS, HR 806 would no longer base regulatory decisions solely on scientific determinations concerning what level of smog is safe to breathe but factor potential cost to business in setting limits, thus permanently dismantling the most successful public health standards prescribed in the Clean Air Act, and

WHEREAS, California has joined with fourteen other states to file suit against the delay of the standards,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Democratic Party of Orange County joins with health officials, the Clean Air Resources Board, and medical organizations to condemn the effort by Congressional Republicans, the Trump administration, and segments of the oil, gas and big agricultural industry, to weaken air quality standards that the State has relied on for decades to clean the air of noxious smog that negatively effects the health and quality of life for all Californians.

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