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May 26, 2011

Tom Cackette  
Air Resources Board  
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Dear Mr. Cackette:

The purpose of this letter is to memorialize an agreement between the Air Resources Board (ARB) and the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) regarding the analysis of the program changes mandated by AB 2289 (Eng, Chapter 258). Currently, BAR is pursuing regulations necessary to implement the improvements by 2013.

AB 2289, specifically Healthy and Safety Code section 44024.5, requires the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), in cooperation with the Air Resources Board (ARB), to perform an analysis of the Smog Check program improvements made under AB 2289 using data collected from on-road inspections and statewide vehicle inspections. The results are to be reported publically annually, beginning July 1, 2011. During legislative committee reviews of AB 2289, amendments were made to delay the start dates of the legislation's key provisions to 2013. Unfortunately, the annual reporting requirement was not amended consistent with these changes.

This year, BAR plans to present the annual report at its upcoming public meeting of the Bureau Advisory Group on June 23, 2011. We will be providing an update of the implementation status of the key provisions of AB 2289.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patrick Dorais'.

Patrick Dorais, Deputy Chief  
Bureau of Automotive Repair

Cc: Sherry Mehl, Bureau of Automotive Repair



# Air Resources Board

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June 22, 2011

Mr. Patrick Dorais, Deputy Chief  
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Dear Mr. Dorais:

This is in response to your letter dated May 26, 2011, regarding our mutual agreement that the annual report as required in AB 2289 will not be feasible this year. Annual reporting as required in Section 44024.5 of the Health and Safety Code, provides for process were by the public can be informed on the performance of the program and offer insights and recommendations for changes as needed.

We look forward to our continued cooperation in implementation of the Smog Check program improvements that are currently underway.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Wallauch".

John Wallauch, Program Manager for Smog Check  
Air Resources Board

*The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.*

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