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Dear Dr. Ospital,

I understand that you are retiring from SCAQMD today. I am going to make every effort to see that the next SCAQMD Health Effects Officer is a doctoral level epidemiologist or statistician who honestly and objectively evaluates and summarizes air pollution health effects evidence, particularly the evidence that applies to the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB). I plan to continue my efforts to correct the false and out of context health effects evidence contained in the 2003, 2007, and 2012 AQMPs and the 2008 MATES III and 2015 MATES IV. You are personally responsible for the inaccurate and exaggerated health effects contained in all of these documents. This faulty evidence has been used as the basis for countless SCAQMD regulations that are not justified on a scientific, public health, or economic basis. These SCAQMD regulations have had a severe adverse impact on the Exide Battery Recycling Plant in Vernon, the Exxon Mobil Refinery in Torrance, the World Logistics Center in Moreno Valley, thousands of truckers at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and thousands of manufacturers throughout the SCAB.

The SCAB has age-adjusted total death rates and total cancer death rates that are lower than the corresponding rates in almost all of the 50 states. Furthermore, it has been known since the 2000 HEI Reanalysis Report, particularly by PM2.5 experts like Dr. Pope, that Los Angeles area residents have a relatively low absolute PM2.5 mortality risk. You have been fully aware of my concerns at least since our April 29, 2011 and July 6, 2011 personal meetings at UCLA and SCAQMD. In spite of this, you have continued to make exaggerated claims about the health effects of PM2.5, diesel PM, and ozone in the SCAB. Furthermore, you have never complied with California Health and Safety Code Section 40471 (b), which requires that before an AQMP is finalized and approved, the SCAQMD Governing Board must hold a public hearing on "the report and the peer review" regarding "the health impacts of particulate matter air pollution in the South Coast Air Basin."

Eventually, you and the others who have exaggerated the health effects of PM2.5, diesel PM, and ozone will be held accountable. Part of this accounting will come through the U.S. Congress, particularly by use of the Secret Science Reform Act, which has been approved by the House of Representatives and is awaiting a vote by the Senate. More details are provided in my June 11, 2015 Tenth International Conference on Climate Change Panel 8 presentation (<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/63542583>).

Sincerely yours,

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