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The California Legislature
California State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear honorable members of the California Legislature:

Senators Holly Mitchell and Mark Leno recently introduced SB 1132, which will impose a moratorium on fracking, acidizing and other well stimulation techniques. We are writing to urge you to support this vital piece of legislation.

Last year, the Legislature passed SB 4, which requires the state to study the risks of fracking and other well stimulation techniques in California.

SB 1132 will expand SB 4's study of fracking and well stimulation, and establish a transparent review process to ensure the study is complete. That process will establish findings about whether these techniques will harm California's public health, environment, and economic sustainability. The findings will be transmitted to the governor, who will determine if the moratorium should be lifted.

The extreme extraction techniques of fracking, acidizing, and other well stimulation methods, and their associated activities, which are taking place both onshore and offshore, have been linked to groundwater and surface water contamination, air pollution, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of farmland and open space and earthquakes around the country. These techniques also rely on high volumes of water -- some of which is permanently removed from the water cycle and, the remainder is polluted to an extent that makes that water permanently toxic and not re-usable for most purposes. In California, the majority of well stimulation occurs in areas of extreme drought.

Given these techniques' long-term consequence and known harmful impacts elsewhere, it is entirely appropriate for California to impose a moratorium on fracking, acidizing and all well stimulation while the state reviews the current and future effects here. Such a "time out" will put Californians and our leaders -- not the oil industry -- in the drivers seat to systematically consider whether our state is an appropriate site for these activities.

Our members have spoken out loudly and clearly about the need for a moratorium on fracking in California. They're demanding that their elected officials side with the majority of Californians who oppose fracking, not the oil industry, and are clearly prepared to hold accountable those who don't. We urge you to listen to them and to do everything in your power to pass SB 1132.

Sincerely,

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Carson Community Arts Foundation
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