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Dear Chair Anderson and members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for considering urgent action today to address the Climate Emergency in Contra Costa County. I have worked with each of you in the past on tobacco control policy, and know that you are concerned about the health of Contra Costans and the future of all young people in our County.

I am writing to urge you to adopt a serious Climate Emergency Resolution (CER) and to commit to mobilizing county staff, and actively encourage and support other cities and residents, to take bold and urgent action to address climate change.

The debate about the impact of climate change on California is over—we must move quickly to eliminate our greenhouse gas emissions. Scientists have warned for years that in order to get us a chance at saving some people from the worst of climate impacts we must cut our greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. THAT CALLS FOR ACTION TODAY!

We know what the solutions are—we need to act now on the scientific urgency for bold action, with specific GHG emission reductions and target dates for getting us off of fossil fuels. This will take real leadership and a coordinated effort with county departments and other Bay Area Counties and Cities.

In addition to specific goals for a 50% and 100% greenhouse gas emissions reductions, a strong County Climate Emergency Resolution needs to mandate staff support for implementing actions to get us there, and accountability through a reportback to the Board and the community every 6 months. It also needs to support a Just Transition at the center of climate action planning.

For our children and our grandchildren, please do the right thing and move forward on an urgent, actionable Climate Emergency Resolution that will be a model for other cities in the County.

Toward Health for All,  
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