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This is a rainy day. We are in the midst of several related crises, and it is time to use our funds to address these urgent situations that we have kept saving for a rainy day with our rainy day funds. NOW IS THE TIME to use those funds. The major crisis that exacerbates them all, as we know, is climate disruption, and we have little time to make drastic changes in how we live to avert even further harms. It is an emergency. Time to use emergency funds! WE HAVE TO GET TO WORK NOW. There is no more time to delay addressing this crisis. According to the climate change countdown clock, we have only 6 years to reduce our emissions drastically before we pass a point where we will have failed. The costs of NOT responding now are immeasurable. Please fund SB522, SB 530, SB868, SB869, SB870, SB871, and HB 2990, HB 3206, HB2613 and HB3166.  
Thank you for this opportunity to testify and for listening to our concerns and for your hard work and dedication.