Climate policies don’t only reduce the worldwide threat of global warming, they are compelling public health programs. Poor air quality and exposure to pollution have been linked to:

- asthma
- decreased lung function and other respiratory issues
- cancer
- increased risk of heart attack
- premature death

California’s carbon market has raised $13.7 billion to invest in:

- clean transportation,
- sustainable communities,
- renewable and efficient energy,
- waste reduction,
- and more.

In California, climate investment programs provide benefits nearly 5 times higher than their cost in air quality and climate benefits alone. These numbers would be far higher if they included the many other unquantified co-benefits that these projects provide.

Investing in clean energy and clean transportation is one of the most economically-compelling investments that state governments can make.

Failure to make these investments is to continue to massively short-change the health and daily livelihoods of communities, as well as the economic productivity and vitality of the state.