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California Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes
State Capitol
Suite 3104
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Assembly Republican Leader Mayes;

The California Legislature's decision to extend Governor Jerry Brown's "Cap and Trade" program was an absolute disaster. Cap and Trade negatively impacts our economy today, and as a result of your lack of leadership, the enormous financial burden on poor and middle class families will be perpetuated. The harm of the Cap and Trade extension cannot be understated. As it continues to drive small businesses from our state at a greater speed and in larger numbers, while increasing costs for those that can least afford it.

Arguably, voters do not understand Cap and Trade, greenhouse gas emission levels, or what it means when you try to claim you tried to save taxpayers from paying \$2.00 more per gallon. What they do understand is that you led six of your Assembly Republican Caucus members to vote to increase their price at the pump by 71 cents a gallon, and you provided no relief for middle class taxpayers.

Not only was this effort you led bad policy, it was bad strategically for Republicans as well. If Republicans had not voted for AB 398, their refusal to give in to the type of extortion reflected in the Cap and Trade bill may very well have forced the Democrat majority to do so. Democrats would have owned Cap and Trade and the horrendous fuel price increases at the pump that it brings. The Republicans' historical stance against the "Tax and Spend" Democrat philosophy would have stood strong. Instead, by your actions, in marginal target seats, you allowed Democrats to take a pass and vote "No", giving these Democrat incumbents a fig leaf to pretend that they are a champion for the taxpayers.

Multiple Republican County Central Committees have met in the weeks since the vote and have passed resolutions asking you to resign your leadership post with the Assembly Republican Caucus. Please be advised that on the evening of August 9, 2017, the Placer County Republican Central Committee unanimously concurred with those other Central Committees and are hereby respectfully requesting

that you immediately resign your position as Assembly Republican Leader and allow another Republican caucus member to lead our party's representatives in the California State Assembly.

In press comments following your joint press conference on July 17, 2017, in Sacramento with Governor Brown, the Governor was quoted as saying that you acted, "...in the spirit of Ronald Reagan". While Ronald Reagan was able to achieve great things as Governor working with a Democrat-controlled Senate and Assembly, I would just remind you and the Governor of one of his more infamous quotes, **"You can't be for Big Government, Big Taxes and Big Bureaucracy and still be for the little guy"**.

Respectfully,



Dennis C. Revell
Chair
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