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Bay Area Air District statement on Trump Administration's threat to pull California transportation funding

SAN FRANCISCO – Statement by Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, on the Trump Administration's threat to pull California transportation funding:

"Last week, The Trump Administration said they will revoke the emissions waiver, which would create more air pollution and health impacts. This week, they are threatening to punish California for not meeting air quality standards by threatening to take away federal transportation funding – a classic case of blaming the victim. The administration's threat to take away federal transportation funding – funding that's used, in part, for mass transit and infrastructure – would create even more air pollution. This duplicitous move adds insult to injury, makes no sense from a public policy or health perspective and certainly doesn't help move the needle to reduce harmful air pollution. In the face of these spiteful actions, the Bay Area Air District will never waver in our fight to reduce air pollution and protect the health of Bay Area residents."

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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