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Assemblymember Todd Gloria  
State Capitol, Room 2176  
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**Subject: AB 423 (Support)**

Dear Assemblymember Gloria,

On behalf of Circulate San Diego, whose mission is to promote excellent mobility choices and vibrant, healthy neighborhoods, I am writing to express our support for your bill, AB 423. AB 423 will transform the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD) Board and ensure access to clean air across the entire San Diego region.

In 2018, San Diego was ranked as the sixth highest region in the nation for high ozone, a main ingredient of smog and a toxic pollutant that is detrimental to protecting community health and achieving the region's climate goals. Under the current composition of the APCD Board, there is a lack of representation from local cities such as Chula Vista and El Cajon, where air monitors have indicated a dangerously high human cancer risk of over 300 per million. This lack of proper representation has prevented the District from proactively addressing this community health and climate issue.

By reforming the APCD Board, AB 423 will increase representative democracy, empower communities, and allow the District to be more aggressive in protecting the quality of life for all San Diegans. AB 423 will allow the APCD to regionally advance GHG reduction goals and prevent further pollution resulting from poor land use and transportation decisions. New regulations, incentives, and grant opportunities as a result of this reform will have the potential to positively shape the region's transportation and housing network and to promote more options for people to walk, bike, and take transit. This is critical to both improving the region's air quality and meeting climate goals.

For these reasons, Circulate San Diego is pleased to support AB 423. We are excited to promote a reform that will pave the way for San Diegans to enjoy clean air, good health, and strong climate action across the region.

Sincerely,

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