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**Subject:** Re: [CAPCOA Board] Re: Testimony before Congress today on new O3 standard

Little typo correction in case anyone missed the obvious. Insert "not" before "roll back" towards the end.

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> On Oct 22, 2015, at 11:48 PM, Seyed Sadredin <Seyed.Sadredin@valleyair.org> wrote:

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> I'm sorry to hear that. I really value what you think.

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> I did not dispute the health benefits of reducing ozone. Doesn't look like you paid attention to all that I said. Read up on asthma and ozone connection and then we can talk. To help you with your study on this make sure you distinguish between what causes asthma and what exacerbates existing asthma conditions. Because that was the point I was trying to make. There is very little scientific evidence that O3 causes Asthma. You may be confusing pm2.5 and ozone. PM is more dangerous with regards to cardio, respiratory and carcinogenic impacts. Ozone, which by the way is a gaseous pollutant, does not have similar impacts as pm. I'm curious to see what you think is the reason for the huge increase in asthma cases in San Louis Obispo despite little ozone in your area. Maybe it's the dust from the dunes? You may also want to look into why Tesla built in Nevada and not in California and other examples like that. Of course air quality regulation are not the only reason.

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> Anyway, I have no objection to the lower O3 standard recently published by EPA. In fact, I had hoped that EPA would set a lower standard. The main point of my testimony was to advance my Board's legislative proposal to modernize the Act which is way overdue. These amendments do not curb epa's authority to set health protective standards that are based on sound science. Our amendments also do roll back the major progress that we have made in reducing air pollution and improving public health under the clean air act. Given your limited experience with developing attainment plans and federal mandates under the clean air I can see why you minimize the need for modernizing the act. We have a major task ahead of us to educate everyone on this issue. I apologize for saying something you found appalling and will do my best to do better in the future.

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> Thank you for sharing your thought with me. It means a lot.

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> Seyed

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Oct 22, 2015, at 10:23 PM, "lallen@co.slo.ca.us" <lallen@co.slo.ca.us> wrote:

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>> Seyed,

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>> I just watched your testimony and response to questions at the U.S.

>> House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology

>> hearing on the new O3 standard. Frankly, I was absolutely appalled at

>> many of the statements you made to that committee. I can accept that

>> you may believe your comment that no new businesses are moving to CA  
>> because of our AQ regulations, even though that statement has been  
>> thoroughly debunked by many studies. However, that an Air Pollution  
>> Control Officer from an area with one of the worst O3 problems in the  
>> nation would actually dispute the health benefits of a lower O3  
>> standard is simply unbelievable to me. You then followed that up by  
>> disputing the well-established connection between asthma and ozone  
>> and stated that blaming asthma on O3 exposure is good for tugging on heartstrings but not really accurate.

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>> You made many other comments that were quite disturbing to hear  
>> coming from a California air quality regulator representing such a  
>> large segment of the state. I am simply at a loss for words in trying  
>> to understand how or why you would say what you did today.

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