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Dr. Barry R. Wallerstein  
Executive Officer  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
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RE: Ladera Ranch Peaker Facility – Full Environmental Review

Dear Dr. Wallerstein:

I would first like to thank you for taking time to join me in meeting with the residents of Ladera Ranch and hearing their concerns regarding the multitude of issues surrounding a planned peaker facility adjacent to their community.

It is clear, at least from the approximately 500 residents in attendance, that a large section of their community was somehow left out of the process by inadequate notification at critical junctures over the last year. In light of this strong public opposition and late stage of the process, I would like to make a formal request of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) to perform a full environmental impact report of the air quality impacts associated with the project. I have always been a proponent of transparency in government and making sure that citizens both understand and are aware of the decisions that impact their daily lives. That did not occur in this process, and that forces me to advocate for their reintroduction into the formal environmental review process.

I ask for your full consideration of this important request on behalf of the residents of Ladera Ranch whom I represent in Orange County's Fifth Supervisorial District. Finally, I want to share my appreciation and endorsement of the consultation meeting you are planning to hold in Ladera Ranch. Please let me know if I can be of assistance on this or any other issue by contacting my office at (714) 834-3550 as I plan to stay fully engaged on behalf of Ladera Ranch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia C. Bates".

Patricia C. Bates  
Supervisor, Fifth District

CC: The Honorable Bill Campbell, Board of Supervisors – 3<sup>rd</sup> District  
Elizabeth Hall, Ladera Hope