

## Open Letter to Governor Newsom and the California Air Resources Board

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Re: CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition Challenges Governor Newsom on the 2009 EPA Endangerment Finding

Dear Governor Newsom and CARB Leadership:

**Good news: There is NO climate crisis in California.**

This letter is a response to Governor Newsom's September 22, 2025, letter to U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lee Zeldin (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/GGN-Engangerment-Finding-Letter.pdf>) and CARB's September 22, 2025, summary of submissions to EPA and the Department of Energy (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/carb-submits-scathing-critique-u-s-epas-illegal-effort-overturn-endangerment-finding>) that defend the 2009 EPA Endangerment Finding.

You claim that “greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare,” that “climate-warming gases are killing people,” and that there is a “climate crisis” in California and the United States.

We challenge the validity of these claims with strong evidence that greenhouse gas emissions are not harming Americans, and that there is NO climate crisis in California and the United States. This evidence has been compiled by the [CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition](#), a nonprofit organization with the goal of determining and propagating accurate facts regarding carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and the climate. The key findings provided below stand in contrast to your claims that greenhouse gases are deadly air pollutants, and that wildfires, “extreme heat,” drought, and floods are becoming more frequent and severe.

More details, including the scientific data, can be found in these [CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition](#) documents:

- 1) The letter sent to the CARB on March 22, 2024 (<https://co2coalition.org/publications/an-open-letter-to-the-california-air-resources-board/>).
- 2) The written comments submitted to the EPA on September 19, 2025 (<https://co2coalition.org/publications/co2-coalition-comment-on-epa-endangerment-finding/>) and September 22, 2025 (<https://co2coalition.org/publications/co2-coalition-comment-2-on-epa-endangerment-finding/>).

In summary:

- Modest warming of California is beneficial and not a cause for concern: Globally, significantly more people have died from the cold than from the heat since 2000.
- Increase in agricultural production: The combination of lengthened growing seasons (from warming) and increased CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations has contributed to this increase.
- CO<sub>2</sub> is essential: Plants need CO<sub>2</sub>, sunlight, water, and nutrients from the soil to produce food and oxygen, both of which are essential for human and animal lives.
- CO<sub>2</sub> is beneficial: Exposing plants to higher concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> increases their growth, food production, and drought-resistance; and greens the Earth.
- CO<sub>2</sub> does not cause dangerous warming: Over the last 10,000 years, global temperatures exceeded our current temperature more than 90 per cent of the time, despite the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration being much lower at ~ 280 parts per million (ppm)
- CO<sub>2</sub> is harmless: CO<sub>2</sub> only becomes harmful to humans at concentrations on or above 8,000 ppm, which is much higher than today's atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of ~ 425 ppm.
- California is in no danger of unusual drought: The annual precipitation in California has fluctuated greatly over the last 150 years, with only a slight decrease.
- Ski resorts are experiencing more snow: Most (21 of 22) ski resorts in California had increasing snowfall from 2012 to 2023.
- California is in no danger of drowning: North Spit, CA, has the highest rate of sea-level rise of 0.005 meter per year, or 1.64 feet in 100 years, which is easily mitigated; while other locations, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego, have rates of sea-level rise of less than 0.003 meter per year, or less than one foot in 100 years, which is also easily mitigated.
- Fewer natural disasters over the years: Significantly reduced number of wildfires and acres burned were reported in the United States and globally.
- Air quality in California keeps getting better: The major air pollutants are at their lowest levels ever and they are not killing any Californians.

In conclusion: There is NO climate crisis in California, and CO<sub>2</sub> is essential and beneficial for life on Earth. Therefore, the CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition recommends that policies should be enacted based on scientific evidence, rather than politics.

If you need additional details, the CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition will be happy to respond to any inquiries you may have, and the members of the CO<sub>2</sub> Coalition will be happy to meet with you for further discussions.

Sincerely,

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