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Since the beginning of the 1900s, Breathe California has fought for clean air, healthy lungs and the elimination of lung disease in California.

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Dear Dr. Nunez:

It has come to our attention that the Asthma Strategic Plan will be released soon. Breathe California strongly supports this concept and encourages the State Department of Public Health to implement the new changes to the Asthma Strategic Plan.

We find that the Asthma Strategic Plan describes needed improvements in the areas of access to health care, public awareness, tobacco prevention, and indoor and outdoor air quality. The changes in the Plan would result in strengthening the issues surrounding asthma and help agencies like ours to mitigate for more significant air pollution reductions in the state and other issues that contribute to asthma. We feel very strongly that the air pollution component is important and needs to be addressed. In addition, Breathe California would like to see continued Department of Public Health outreach to community agencies who provide direct service and asthma advocacy for the implementation of the Asthma Strategic Plan.

On behalf of all the Breathe California offices, we applaud you for your continuing work to strive to provide updated strategies for asthma.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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