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See attached.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

Response to the CEC question posted April 27, 2021

Topic 1: Program Budget Allocation in Utility Service Territories – This is a highly charged political issue. The Governor and Legislature need to deal with this.

Topic 2: Funding Award Allocations and Consideration of Maximum Grant Awards - Our small district meets 4 of the 5 criteria for Underserved Community and 2 of our 4 schools are located in the #8 worst census tract in CalEnviroScreen 3.0. About 90% of our HVAC units are 30+ years old and cannot eliminate COVID-19 particles in the air. Our choice is to have the students inside the classroom breathing dirty air or have the students outside breathing dirty air. If the grants are limited to a maximum grant award and we are unable to replace all of the HVAC units that desperately need to be replaced, who gets to explain to our students why they will continue to breathe dangerous air? AB 841 was intended to meet the greatest needs, especially in Underserved Communities, and not to be “fair” to all communities. AB 841 addresses this in Section 5, Chapter 8.7, Article 1, Section 1600(c) There is no program in California dedicated to improving ventilation and energy efficiency in California schools at the scale required to **safely prepare schools for operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is vitally needed to protect the health, safety, and ability to learn for California’s school children and the health of California’s teachers.** With only limited funding to the poorest districts in California, this charge can never be achieved.

Topics 3 & 4: Since we need TABB inspectors anyway, maybe you could require the TABB inspectors to review the Contractor estimates and the Assessment & Maintenance. TABB inspectors can be limited to the number of days needed for the review.

Topic 5: Alternative Technical Requirements for Obsolete/Nonfunctioning Equipment – The only thing that I would like to add to this is that if an HVAC unit is at or past its useful life, that should be enough for approval. The CEC could determine a number of years for useful life that is slightly on the high side, with advice from experts in the field.