

# CAP-AND-TRADE IN CALIFORNIA: HEALTH AND CLIMATE BENEFITS GREATLY OUTWEIGH COSTS

Climate policies don't only reduce the worldwide threat of global warming, they are compelling public health programs. Poor air quality and exposure to pollution have been linked to:

asthma      decreased lung function and other respiratory issues      cancer      increased risk of heart attack      premature death

California's carbon market has raised

**\$13.7 billion**

to invest in:  
clean transportation,  
sustainable communities,  
renewable and efficient energy,  
waste reduction,  
and more.

**These programs provide co-benefits beyond reducing greenhouse gases**

**By creating**



clean air



sustainable development



job growth



accessible transportation



affordable housing and energy

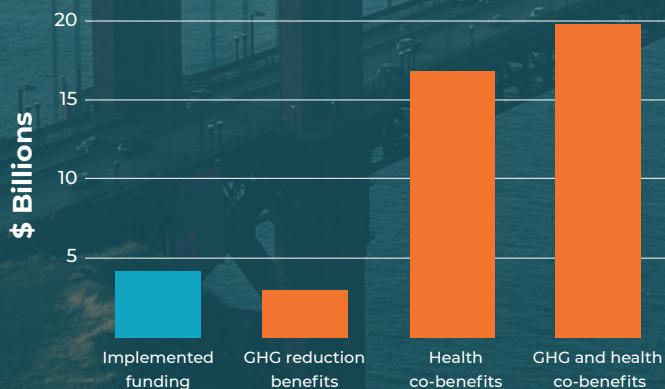
**While reducing**

traffic congestion

cost of living

premature deaths

**California Climate Investment Programs**



**In California, climate investment programs provide benefits nearly 5 times higher than their cost in air quality and climate benefits alone.**

These numbers would be far higher if they included the many other unquantified co-benefits that these projects provide.

Investing in clean energy and clean transportation is one of the most economically-compelling investments that state governments can make.

Failure to make these investments is to continue to massively short-change the health and daily livelihoods of communities, as well as the economic productivity and vitality of the state.

