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Hi Brad, Alex and Matt,

I hope you are doing well and we appreciate the incredible amount of work that has gone into the Plan Bay Area and Horizon process so far. In an effort to provide more engagement around the environmental portion of the Draft Blueprint, Greenbelt Alliance, Save the Bay, and TOGETHER Bay Area are convening a group of environmental stakeholders. Our goal is to facilitate robust, inclusive engagement across conservation, stewardship, and environmental stakeholders in the SF Bay Area region. Working together, we hope to ensure stronger outcomes for equity, climate change adaptation and mitigation goals, agricultural priorities, and priority strategies in the plan update.

In order to ensure an inclusive process and provide a high quality suite of recommendations from our coalition, we need more time than the August 10th deadline will allow. **We would like to formally request a time extension.**

We are convening our coalition on August 12th and can submit a letter soon after. I know staff is working up against a time crunch to have the final blueprint finalized by September. Zoe Siegel on my team has met MTC/ABAG staff who has explained the tight turnaround process for inputting all the comments from all of the town halls and workshops. Would it be possible to allow this one exception to the August 10th deadline? We will submit clear, concise comments on the existing strategies in a way that will be most useful for your staff to process.

Regards,

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