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Pima County Board of Supervisors

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Re: Ordinance No. 2025-32 – to regulate certain unpaved roads in Pima County to maintain health standards for air quality.

Chairman Scott and Members of the Board,

I understand that the Board will be addressing this proposed ordinance at your 16 December 2025 meeting. I strongly support this ordinance and urge you to pass it.

Quite a number of years ago (in the 1970s) my husband, Dr. William Hartmann, was a member of the County's Air Quality Committee. He has told me many times that he learned from health experts and County staff how the dust in the air from traffic on the many dirt roads in the County contributed to a variety of serious health issues. Especially of concern was heavy truck traffic, which generates several times the amount of airborne dust as cars.

Over fifty years later this problem has not gone away; it has only gotten worse.

Thus, passing this ordinance will go a long way toward improving the health of the residents of Pima County. Please pass Ordinance No. 2025-32.

Sincerely,

Gayle Hartmann

Matt Felix

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December 10, 2025

Ms. Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Via Email: COB_mail@pima.gov
December 10, 2025

RE: Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality

Dear Ms. Manriquez,

As drought deepens over Pima County, air quality will decline as well. The ordinance 2025-32 is a step in the right direction. It will control a major source of dust as well as tailpipe emissions that will worsen the quality of our lives in our County. For an unlucky few, it may lead to lung diseases that will end their lives.

I grew up in Pittsburgh in the 1950s, and I remember the hazards of uncontrolled emissions from the steel mills that were under two miles from our house; we were frequently downwind from them. As a man in his mid-70s, I don't need this.

Please pass Ordinance 2025-32!

With respect and appreciation,]

Dr. Michael Ray Jacobson
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December 9, 2025

Ms. Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Pima County Board of Supervisors
130 W. Congress Street
Tucson, AZ 85701

Via Email: COB_mail@pima.gov

RE: Support of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for Air Quality

Dear Ms. Manriquez,

I strongly support passage of Ordinance No. 2025-32 to regulate certain unpaved county roads to maintain health standards for air quality at the Dec. 16, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

It is imperative that the county close a loophole that has allowed businesses to operate an unlimited number of heavy trucks across unpaved roads that can negatively impact air quality.

Heavy trucks generate five to 10 times the amount of airborne dust from unpaved roads compared with passenger cars. This dust can contain dangerous contaminants that can cause lung infections that can lead to serious and fatal disease.

As a resident of Corona de Tucson, we are already at risk from the tailings that are planned to be dumped near our community. Compounding this risk with heavy trucks adding to the airborne particulates will potentially exacerbate the lung and breathing problems of my neighbors who have existing respiratory issues such as asthma and emphysema.

Reducing the amount of airborne dust caused by heavy trucks traveling across unpaved county roads is a proactive measure Supervisors can take to improve the quality of life throughout Pima County. Please pass Ordinance No. 2025-32.

Thank you,



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