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STATE CONTROLLER CONNELL'S STATEMENT ON SMOG IMPACT FEE RULING

LOS ANGELES, November 30, 2000 – State Controller and Board of Equalization member Kathleen Connell issues the following statement regarding the award of legal fees in the Smog Impact fee case. A three person arbitration panel has awarded \$88.5 million to the lawyers who filed the lawsuit. The arbitrators were selected by Governor Gray Davis and the lawyers involved.

“I am appalled at the amount of the award to the lawyers. How they can justify this outrageous fee baffles the mind. The taxpayers of California will have to pay this bill. The taxpayers had already been victimized when the state illegally collected the Smog Impact Fee. Now we’re being slapped again by the fee awarded to these lawyers,” says State Controller Connell.

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