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Dear Members of the SCAQMD Board of Governors:

On behalf of the California Hydrogen Business Council's (CHBC's) Board of Directors and our nearly 90 members, I want to express great concern about the possible removal of Barry Wallerstein as Executive Officer, an action that we understand you are considering. As a group firmly committed to the improvement of air quality throughout California, particularly in non-attainment areas, and the use of zero emission technologies to drive California in that direction, we want to recognize the world class leadership that Dr. Wallerstein has demonstrated.

As a business organization, our industry members have benefited, and continue to benefit, from Barry's approach to cleaning the air through technological innovation. He has helped small and growing businesses in our sector continue to grow and create jobs.

Barry has increased business certainty for many of our members, and certainty makes business leaders more confident in investing in facilities, market growth and job creation. This comes about from the policies of the SCAQMD and Barry's support of these policies.

The CHBC itself would not be here today had it not been for Barry's support.

At this critical juncture in the hydrogen and fuel cell marketplace we would like to see continuity of the top leadership at the agency, particularly given recent top management retirements. With continued, confidence-inspiring leadership by Barry, the industry is poised for continued job creation with the mainstreaming of our clean technologies and products, leading to continued reductions in local and global emissions and increased energy security.

We urge the SCAQMD Board of Governors to recognize and congratulate Barry on his leadership and urge him to continue in his current position for benefit of the District and the State.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Serfass
 Executive Director