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Secretary Jared Blumenfeld
California Environmental Protection Agency
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Sacramento, CA, 95814

RE: Support for Expeditious Implementation of SB 1383

Dear Secretary Blumenfeld:

The California Hydrogen Business Council¹ (CHBC) writes to request that you expeditiously implement SB 1383, which is imperative to reduce short lived climate pollutants (SLCPs), the most imminently dangerous greenhouse gas emissions. We understand that despite the fact that the law explicitly directs agencies to increase production and use of renewable gas, there is an effort to delay agency implementation of regulations pursuant to SB 1383. We strongly believe this would be detrimental to the environment, as well as to the industries that can solve the problem, including the nascent renewable hydrogen industry that requires regulatory certainty to become economically viable.

Now is not the time to slow down a state effort that is critical to protecting our perilously changing climate and that can catalyze a whole new clean technology industry to help revive our battered economy and put people back to work.

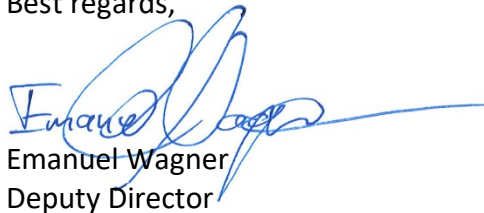
Renewable hydrogen can contribute to achieving SB 1383's SLCP reduction goals in important ways. For one, it can displace fossil natural gas with a zero greenhouse gas alternative in the gas pipeline. Also renewable hydrogen is a product and revenue stream that can be made out of biogas, which SB 1383 recognizes as an important solution for removing methane from organic waste.

¹ The CHBC is comprised of over 100 companies and agencies involved in the business of hydrogen. Our mission is to advance the commercialization of hydrogen in the energy sector, including transportation, goods movement, and stationary power systems to reduce emissions and dependence on oil. The views expressed in these comments are those of the CHBC, and do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the individual CHBC member companies. Members are listed here: www.californiahydrogen.org/aboutus/chbc-members/

SB 1383 has been broadly recognized by California's agencies as a pillar of California's climate protection strategy. The 2017 CARB Scoping Plan and SB 1383 Strategy, as well as the Energy Commission's 2017 and 2019 Integrated Energy Policy Reports, emphasize the importance of implementing SB 1383, including incorporating renewable hydrogen as a solution.

We therefore urge you to implement SB 1383 without delay and welcome your reaching out to us with any questions.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Emanuel Wagner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Emanuel Wagner
Deputy Director
California Hydrogen Business Council