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The Honorable Benjamin Allen

Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
 State Capitol, Room 4076
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Allen:

The California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC)ⁱ, a diverse trade association, representing over 120 businesses engaged in all sectors of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, writes in **support of SB 697 (Hueso)**.

The CHBC is committed to advancing the commercialization of hydrogen and fuel cells in the energy and transportation sectors to achieve California’s climate, air quality, and decarbonization goals. SB 697 is critical to advancing these goals because it provides a policy structure that promotes investment in green hydrogen production—a solution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in difficult to decarbonize sectors, such as industrial facilities. As a rapidly growing, but expensive form of renewable energy, green electrolytic hydrogen production will greatly benefit from state policy that assists in its expansion and Californians will enjoy the environmental effects of meeting California’s stated climate, air quality, and decarbonization goals.

For these reasons, the CHBC, on behalf of its members, respectfully urges your aye vote. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the opportunity to support this crucial bill.

Sincerely,

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 Policy Director

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ⁱ The CHBC is comprised of over 120 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 help the state meet its decarbonization goals. **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.** CHBC Members are listed here: <https://www.californiahydrogen.org/aboutus/chbc-members/>