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The Honorable Senator Archuleta California State Capitol, Room 5066 Sacramento, CA 95814-0011

Re: SB 643 - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Archuleta,

I am writing on behalf of the California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC)<sup>1</sup> in support of SB 643 (Archuleta) which will require the State Air Resources Board, the Energy Commission and the Public Utilities Commission to form a working group that will prepare a statewide assessment of fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV) fueling infrastructure and fuel production needed to support the adoption of zero-emission trucks, buses, and off-road vehicles necessary for the state to meet its air pollution and climate change goals. The CHBC appreciates your leadership in this area and fully supports the development of such a report.

The CHBC is glad to see the report will cover the full range of hydrogen fuel production and distribution infrastructure, include all vehicle categories, both on-road and off-road to further the use of hydrogen in the transportation sector. We are supportive of including microgrids and other measures, which can add to the resiliency of the state's electric grid, and the inclusion of hard to electrify energy intensive sectors, which are well suited to utilize hydrogen as a replacement fuel and/or feedstock.

The CHBC expects the report will provide state policy makers much needed information to further incorporate hydrogen into California's decarbonization plans across all sectors of the economy.

For these reasons, CHBC Supports SB 643.

Sincerely,

William Zobel

Executive Director

California Hydrogen Business Council

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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. CHBC Members are listed here: <a href="https://www.californiahydrogen.org/aboutus/chbc-members/">https://www.californiahydrogen.org/aboutus/chbc-members/</a>