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The Honorable Kevin de Leon
Senate President Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
State Capitol Room 5016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: CHBC SUPPORT for AB 398 and AB617

Dear President Pro Tempore de León and Speaker Rendon:

The California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC)¹ is committed to advancing the commercialization of hydrogen in the energy sector – including, transportation, goods movement, and stationary power systems – to reduce emissions and dependence on oil. The CHBC supports passage of the Cap-and-Trade and Air Quality bills AB 398 and AB 617.

California's Cap-and-Trade Program along with the State's complementary air quality measures are essential for the continued reduction of GHG emissions, preserving market certainty, and moving California's economy into the future; all while improving air quality for all citizens.

AB 398 improves upon California's Cap-and-Trade program, increasing transparency and accountability. An effective Cap-and-Trade program, in conjunction with California's other key climate programs, such as the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, are critical to meeting the state's aggressive 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals.

California continues to demonstrate climate leadership, and without that leadership, the California hydrogen and fuel cell industry would not be where it is today. Cap-and-Trade has become an integral part of the economy, stirring innovation and building new industries and we believe that the advancing this legislation will enable California to maintain its global economic advantage.

We support and look forward to you and your colleagues' passage of these critical bills without delay.

Sincerely,

Emanuel Wagner
Assistant Director
California Hydrogen Business Council

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