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Mary Nichols, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Nichols and Members of the Board:

The undersigned businesses, associations and organizations are writing to support the California Air Resources Board's continued strong, steady leadership on the state's pioneering clean energy and climate policies and to urge the Board's swift re-adoption of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, or LCFS, in 2015. We believe that clean fuels, clean air and a growing economy can go hand-in-hand, and add our voices to the tens of thousands of Californians who support the LCFS.

Transitioning to lower carbon transportation fuels benefits all Californians by:

- **Diversifying the state's fuel supply and increasing independence from fluctuating oil prices that create market and economic uncertainty.** The LCFS is already working. From 2011 to 2013 alternative fuels comprised a steadily increasing share of transportation energy use in California. An abundance of alternative fuels exists—enough to meet the LCFS by 2020—and the market has grown faster than anticipated. Furthermore, available low carbon fuels could grow to replace up to 400,000 barrels [16.8 million U.S. gallons] of gasoline and diesel use *per day*, reducing the overall carbon intensity of on-road transportation fuels in California and the Pacific Northwest by 14% to 21% by 2030.
- **Making consumers less vulnerable to price swings at the pump, saving money in the long run, and keeping transportation fuel dollars at home to grow the local economy.** California households are expected to save, on average, over \$800 annually by 2020, growing to over \$2,000 annually by 2030 in their transportation fuel bills, thanks to a combination of state policies that will spur more efficient cars and diverse fuel choices, and more walkable communities with transit. When consumers spend less on fuel, they have more to spend in their communities.
- **Benefitting society by spurring greater use of clean alternative fuels and vehicles.** The LCFS will result in \$1.4 to \$4.8 billion in societal benefits by 2020 from reduced air pollution and increased energy security. The benefits could be even greater, \$10.4 billion by 2020 and \$23.1 billion by 2025, when other state fuels policies are also included.
- **Helping to cut air pollution and improve public health.** To date, the LCFS has cut carbon emissions by about 9 million metric tons – that's equivalent to removing about 1.9 million passenger cars from the road for a year. Looking forward, from 2016 to 2020, the state estimates the LCFS will cut emissions by 35 million metric tons – the equivalent of removing about 7.4 million passenger cars from the road for a year.
- **Retaining the state's innovation leadership in a domestic clean fuels industry.** California is home to more than 40,000 businesses serving advanced energy markets, employing roughly 431,800. The LCFS, alone, could contribute at least 9,100 new jobs, and potentially many more if the state attracts more clean fuel production facilities and technology providers.

The science is clear: the time to act is now. We applaud your commitment to ensuring a healthy and economically vibrant California today and for future generations.

Sincerely,

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