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PRINCIPLES FOR LOW CARBON FUELS OUTLINED IN LETTER TO GOVERNOR

SACRAMENTO – Nearly 40 associations representing business, taxpayers, agriculture, consumers and others outlined in a letter to the governor today the principles they say will allow them to support implementation of a low carbon fuel standard in California.

The standard is a key part of California's landmark effort to reduce greenhouse gases under AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act). The goal is to reduce the carbon intensity of California's passenger transportation fuels by 10% by 2020.

"The potential costs of the low carbon fuel standard (LCFS) for California consumers are very significant," said the letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"That's why it is vitally important that California's LCFS be developed in such a way as to provide reliable and affordable transportation fuel supplies while encouraging and rewarding low carbon fuels innovation."

The letter encourages the state to follow recommendations from University of California studies that suggest new fuels be analyzed for their impacts and emissions from their inception through their use as a fuel and that the state not set deadlines that hampers technological innovation.

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The coalition of signers also calls for the LCFS to not favor one fuel over another, to review the impacts of new fuels on the environment, human health and fuel supply and to not include punitive fines or taxes if deadlines aren't met.

“Not only is such a scheme unfair and probably illegal, it creates perverse economic consequences by diverting capital away from developing advanced low carbon fuels which are the key to achieving the LCFS emission reduction goals,” the letter states.

Among the 41 organizations that signed the letter are the California Chamber of Commerce, California Taxpayers' Association, California Manufacturing and Technology Ass'n, California Grocers Association, California Small Business Alliance, Western States Petroleum Association, California Trucking Association and the California Farm Bureau Federation.

The letter to Governor Schwarzenegger is posted on our website:
www.ab32ig.com/whatweresaying.html.

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