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Clerk of the Board Air Resources Board 1001 | Street Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Comments on the Consideration of Amendments to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard

Dear Clerk of the California Air Resources Board:

Please accept the enclosed comments on the proposed amendments to California's low-carbon fuel standard. These comments have been submitted to Consumer Energy Alliance by consumer-advocates, a vast a majority of whom reside in California. We are pleased to submit them on their behalf.

In total, you will find 63 letters.

If you have any questions on these comments, their signatories, or any other matter, please contact me at mwhatley@consumerenergyalliance.org, or contact my colleague, Natalie Joubert, at njoubert@consumerenergyalliance.org.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Thank you,

Michael Whatley

Executive Vice President

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