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CC: Pamela Gupta, Bart Croes, Ryan McCarthy (Air Resources Board)

Subject: Letter of support for incentive program for end users adopting low-GWP refrigeration systems

Dear Governor Brown and Chair Nichols,

On behalf of Healdsburg SHED, I am writing to express support for establishing an incentive program to allow supermarkets and other end users to adopt low-global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants to replace hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) used in commercial refrigeration systems.

Healdsburg SHED is market, cafe, and community gathering space dedicated to local farmers and makers in Northern California. We provide high-quality, seasonal fare in our cafe. Our retail produce department also offers a curated selection of local products. Our operations rely on effective refrigeration. As a small business committed to reducing our climate impact, we support an incentive program for adopting low-GWP refrigeration systems.

An incentive program has the power to enable transformative change by helping to overcome current market hurdles to adoption of energy efficient, low-GWP refrigeration systems. These alternative systems are commercially available but face significant market hurdles to widespread adoption due to high up-front costs that are beyond the financial capabilities of many end users.

By providing incentives to supermarkets and other end users, California can help create economies of scale for manufacturing, designing, installing, and maintaining these low-GWP systems and equipment.

We strongly support funding for a statewide incentive program that will minimize the barriers related to the upfront costs of low-GWP technologies and allow for their widespread adoption.

Sincerely,

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