

September 10, 2018

California Air Resource Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Aliso Canyon Litigation Mitigation Settlement – Support**

Dear CARB Members:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), which represents more than 1,650 organizations and 650,000 employees in the region, I am writing to express our support for the Aliso Canyon Litigation Mitigation Settlement announced in August 2018. The \$119.5 million settlement between the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas), California Air Resources Board (CARB), City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and California Attorney General's Office redresses the impacts of the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak.

The settlement specifically mitigates at least 109,000 metric tons of methane gas, equivalent to the leaked volume, through a plan developed by CARB. As part of this plan, SoCal Gas will create a \$26.5 million loan fund to construct dairy digesters, three conditioning facilities, and pipelines to connect the two. It will make an additional \$7.6 million available for other projects as assurance that full mitigation occurs.

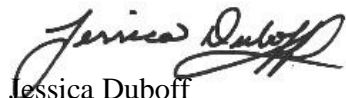
Almost half of the state's methane emissions are produced by dairies. This plan will construct 12 dairy digesters that will treat this potent GHG to renewable gas standards. As a renewable natural gas it will be used to offset diesel emissions. The projects complement existing and anticipated efforts from the state to address climate change and air pollution.

The \$26.5 million loan used to construct these projects will be paid back in full, including interest to the Mitigation Account. These funds can then be re-invested in additional projects to support further emissions reductions and local projects designed to benefit the residents of Porter Ranch and the South Coast Air Basin which were impacted by the leak.

This mitigation agreement offers a clear plan to remediate the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. It includes quantifiable and verifiable steps to measure the mitigation efforts, and directly benefits the families and residents in the impacted region. Additionally, all the projects will be located within California and are in-sync with the state's efforts to curb overall greenhouse gas emissions.

We appreciate your consideration and urge your support for the settlement. If you have any questions, please contact Kendal Asuncion, Manager of Public Policy, at (213) 580-7518 or [kasuncion@lachamber.com](mailto:kasuncion@lachamber.com).

Sincerely,



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