November 13, 2015

Subject: Draft Second Investment Plan for Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds

Dear CA Air Resources Board and Climate Investment staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Second Investment Plan for Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds. We strongly support the goals of the California Climate Investments to invest in projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve co-benefits to public health, the environment, the economy, as well as maximize the benefits to disadvantaged communities.

We appreciate the inclusion of clean energy and energy efficiency for the draft investment categories for 2016-2017 through 2018-2019. In addition to the listed concepts under clean energy and energy efficiency, we respectfully request the inclusion of smart manufacturing as a climate investment concept. Smart manufacturing improves manufacturing productivity, performance, technology adoption for energy efficiency and reduces greenhouse gas emissions – as well as accelerate manufacturing job growth in California. Optimizing manufacturing through the use of real-time data, information and communications technology advances manufacturing intelligence and improves techniques to achieve superior operational performance and productivity – helping to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Second Investment Plan for Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds and appreciate the efforts of the California Air Resources Board to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve California’s climate goals.

Sincerely,

Jim Wetzel
Chair of the SMLC Board