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Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board

SUBJECT: Proposed Regulation for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities

I am writing, to express support for ARB Board Meeting agenda item 17-3-6: *Proposed Regulation for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities*.

As you are aware, ARB and the California Public Utilities Commission staff are working closely to enact new policies to reduce natural gas leaks and minimize methane emissions from the natural gas system, following the directives of Senate Bill (SB) 1371 (Leno, 2015) and Public Utilities Code Section 975, et. seq. via Commission Rulemaking 15-01-008.

The proposed regulations are valuable tools in California's continuing efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure safe utility infrastructure. They put in place clear expectations for critical components of the gas system. They are another example of the State's international leadership in addressing climate change and other environmental issues.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our inter-agency collaboration, for the benefit of all Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clifford Rechtschaffen".

Clifford Rechtschaffen, Commissioner  
California Public Utilities Commission