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Richard Corey

California Air Resources Board

1001 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Corey:

My name is Jim Zaben and I represent Kings Oil Tools. Kings Oil Tools (KOT) provides California Producers with a full line of down-hole well services. KOT provides a full line of fishing tools services as well as turnkey well abandonments. We have locations in Bakersfield, Taft, Derby Acres, San Ardo, Paso Robles and Coalinga California. I followed the activities associated with CARB’s August 20, 2018 workshop titled “Opportunities for Additional Greenhouse Gas Reductions from Petroleum Transportation Fuels”, and I appreciate the opportunity to discuss these concerns and the best path forward.

First, I’d like to applaud you and your agency for all the work you do on behalf of the environment. Your efforts ensure that the state is on track to meet many of its climate and environmental goals. And based on the testimony during the workshop it seems that, contrary to calls to limiting oil production, the state does not need to limit oil production to meet its climate goals. In fact, there was testimony in the workshop that the state is four years ahead of schedule in achieving its goals.

This is important because I live and work in Kern County. For my community and my family, we rely heavily on the oil and gas industry. The oil and gas industry are an integral part of our community and will provide our energy mix for the foreseeable future. The oil and gas industry has invested billions of dollars in our communities whereby goods and services are bought from our local businesses that not only generate many jobs, it also provides income to support their families.

The proposal to cut oil production was disturbing. I cannot even imagine the devastation that this would cause my family and my community. In your claim by keeping California’s oil in the ground will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG); this policy only reduces GHG by raising the price of oil which means we as the consumer will pay more for energy and or other refined products.

On behalf on my family and community, I ask that you full heartedly evaluate the impacts that such proposals would have on the many of individuals around the state that are dependent on the oil and gas industry.

The Oil Industry has a long-standing history of leadership in environmental compliance and commitment to continue improvement. By striving to comply with ARB’s target the cost will damage our industry.

Sincerely,

Jim Zaben

Environmental Manger