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The City of Los Angeles Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) is submitting this letter supporting CARB's Potential Changes to the Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities (Oil and Gas Methane Regulation). Potential near-term and future regulations presented to stakeholders on September 20, 2022, align with the City of Los Angeles and the Petroleum Administrator's methane emission objectives.

The OPNGAS looks forward to the opportunities that the new satellite data can provide in detecting methane leaks in California, once two satellites are deployed in 2023. Leaks identified by satellites or other remote monitoring technology have the potential to be detected, pinpointed and repaired much more quickly helping the planet and residents living near oil and gas infrastructure because, as CARB points out, reducing methane emissions can reduce co-pollutant emissions such as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and Benzene Toluene Ethyl-Benzene and Xylene (BTEX).

The OPNGAS looks forward to continued work with CARB to reduce emissions from oil and gas production and processing in the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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