

## Los Angeles County Business Federation (Chris Wilson)

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BizFed has, for quite some time, supported an "all of the above" energy policy, which we believe is essential to keep California competitive in a volatile global economy.

BizFed members have consistently voiced serious concerns about the state's high taxes and regulations through our Pulse Poll. Based on publicly available information about the Cap and Invest regulations, consumers, including businesses, will bear the majority of these costs. Additionally, California businesses already face high fuel prices. This measure could likely reduce refining capacity and increase supply vulnerabilities, making it more expensive to do business in California.

At a time when affordability remains the main concern for Californians, including businesses of all sizes, knowingly promoting a policy that raises fuel costs and worsens supply volatility is deeply troubling.

Californians already face some of the highest gasoline prices in the United States, and recent refinery closures in California make this situation more worrying. Our regional economy relies on the stability of local refineries. Any new compliance costs threaten the viability of the remaining facilities, risking more than 500,000 industry-supported jobs and the tax bases of harbor communities in both Southern and Northern California.

We are proud to live in California. Businesses across the state, including but not limited to BizFed's members, support the state's commitment to environmental stewardship. We continue to be cognizant on the impacts of how energy policies can affect middle- and working-class families and jobs.

We respectfully ask that you consider our above comments. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our Director of Advocacy, Chris Wilson, at [chris.wilson@bizfed.org](mailto:chris.wilson@bizfed.org).

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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Chair Lauren Sanchez  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
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Vice Chair Siva Gunda  
California Energy Commission  
715 P Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Economic Concerns with CARB's Proposed Cap-and-Invest Regulations**

Dear Governor Newsom, Chair Sanchez, and Vice Chair Gunda:

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Sincerely,



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BizFed Executive Vice President



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Watson Land Company



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BizFed Founding Chair

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# BizFed Association Members

Action Apartment Association  
Advanced Medical Technology Association  
Alhambra Chamber  
American Beverage Association  
Antelope Valley Chamber formerly Lancaster Chamber of Commerce  
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Apartment Association of Orange County  
Apartment Association, CA Southern Cities, Inc.  
Apartment Association of California  
Arcadia Association of Realtors  
AREAA North Los Angeles SFV SCV  
Armenian American Business Association  
Armenian Trade & Labor Association  
Arts District Los Angeles  
ASCM Inland Empire Chapter  
Associated Builders & Contractors SoCal (ABC SoCal)  
Associated General Contractors  
Association of Independent Commercial Producers  
AV Edge California  
Azusa Chamber  
Bell Chamber  
Beverly Hills Chamber  
BioCom  
Black Business Association  
Black Professional Network  
Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce  
Bridge Compton Org  
Building Industry Association - LA/Ventura Counties  
Building Industry Association of Southern California  
Building Industry Association- Baldyview  
Building Owners & Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Burbank Association of Realtors  
Burbank Chamber of Commerce  
Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness  
Business Resource Group  
CalAsian Chamber  
CalChamber  
California African American Chamber of Commerce  
California Apartment Association- Los Angeles  
California Asphalt Pavement Association  
California Bankers Association  
California Black Chamber of Commerce  
California Business Properties  
California Business Roundtable  
California Cleaners Association  
California Contract Cities Association  
California Council for Environmental & Economic Balance (CCEEB)  
California Fuels & Convenience Alliance- Formerly California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA)  
California Gaming Association  
California Grocers Association  
California Hispanic Chamber  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Independent Petroleum Association  
California Infrastructure Delivery Coalition  
California Life Sciences Association  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
California Metals Coalition  
California Natural Gas Producers Association  
California Restaurant Association  
California Retailers Association  
California Self Storage Association  
California Small Business Alliance  
California Travel Association (CalTravel)  
California Trucking Association  
Californians For Smarter Sustainability  
Carson Chamber of Commerce  
Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance  
Central City Association  
Century City Chamber of Commerce  
Chatsworth Porter Ranch Chamber of Commerce  
Citrus Valley Association of Realtors  
Civil Justice Association of California CJAC  
Claremont Chamber of Commerce  
Commerce Business Council formerly Commercial Industrial Council/Chamber of Commerce  
Compton Chamber of Commerce  
Compton Community Development Corporation  
Compton Entertainment Chamber of Commerce  
Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition  
Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality  
Council of Infill Builders  
Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce  
Culver City Chamber of Commerce  
Downey Chamber of Commerce

Downtown Alliance  
Downtown Long Beach Alliance  
DTLA Chamber of Commerce  
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber  
El Salvador Corridor Association  
El Segundo Chamber of Commerce  
Employers Group  
Energy Independence Now EIN  
Engineering Contractor's Association  
EXP The Opportunity Engine  
FastLink DTLA  
Filipino American Chamber of Commerce  
Friends of Hollywood Central Park  
FuturePorts  
Gardena Valley Chamber  
Gateway to LA  
Glendale Association of Realtors  
Glendale Chamber  
Glendora Chamber  
Greater Antelope Valley AOR  
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Downey Association of REALTORS  
Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Leimert Park Crenshaw Corridor BID  
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors  
Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association  
Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber  
Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce  
Harbor Trucking Association  
Historic Core BID of Downtown Los Angeles  
Hollywood Chamber  
Hospital Association of Southern California  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
ICBWA- International Cannabis Women Business Association  
Independent Cities Association  
Independent Hospitality Coalition  
Industrial Environmental Association  
Industry Business Council  
Inglewood Board of Realtors  
Inland Empire Economic Partnership  
Irwindale Chamber of Commerce  
Kombucha Brewers International  
La Cañada Flintridge Chamber  
LA County Medical Association  
LA Fashion District BID  
LA South Chamber of Commerce  
Larchmont Boulevard Association  
Latin Business Association  
Latino Food Industry Association  
Latino Golfers Association  
Latino Restaurant Association  
LAX Coastal Area Chamber  
Licensed Adult Residential Care Association- LARCA  
Long Beach Area Chamber  
Long Beach Economic Partnership  
Long Beach Major Arts Consortium  
Los Angeles Area Chamber  
Los Angeles Economic Development Center  
Los Angeles Gateway Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Latino Chamber  
Los Angeles LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Parking Association  
Los Angeles Regional Food Bank  
MADIA Tech Launch  
Malibu Chamber of Commerce  
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Manhattan Beach Downtown Business & Professional Association  
Marina Del Rey Lessees Association  
Marketplace Industry Association  
Monrovia Chamber  
Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.  
MoveLA  
MultiCultural Business Alliance  
NAIOP Southern California Chapter  
NAREIT  
National Association of Minority Contractors  
National Association of Theatre Owners CA/Nevada  
National Association of Women Business Owners  
National Association of Women Business Owners - LA  
National Association of Women Business Owners- California  
National Federation of Independent Business Owners California  
National Hookah  
National Latina Business Women's Association  
Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce  
Ofiso Community Foundation

Orange County Business Council  
Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association  
Panorama City Chamber of Commerce  
Paramount Chamber of Commerce  
Pasadena Chamber  
Pasadena Foothills Association of Realtors  
PGA  
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association  
PhRMA  
Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce  
Pomona Chamber  
Rancho Southeast REALTORS  
ReadyNation California  
Recording Industry Association of America  
Regional CAL Black Chamber, SVF  
Regional Hispanic Chambers  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber  
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.  
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce  
Secure Water Alliance  
Sherman Oaks Chamber  
Signal Hill Chamber  
South Bay Association of Chambers  
South Bay Association of Realtors  
South Gate Chamber of Commerce  
Southern California Contractors Association  
Southern California Golf Association  
Southern California Grantmakers  
Southern California KFC Franchise  
Southern California Leadership Council  
Southern California Minority Suppliers Development Council Inc.  
Southern California Water Coalition  
Southland Regional Association of Realtors  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Structural Engineers Association of Southern California  
Sunland/Tujunga Chamber  
Sunset Strip Business Improvement District  
Swiss American Chamber of Commerce  
Thai American Chamber of Commerce  
The Bridge Network  
The LA Coalition for the Economy & Jobs  
The Los Angeles Taxpayers Association  
The Two Hundred for Homeownership  
Torrance Area Chamber  
Tri-Counties Association of Realtors  
United Chambers - San Fernando Valley & Region  
United Contractors  
United States-Mexico Chamber  
Unmanned Autonomous Vehicle Systems Association  
Urban Business Council  
US Green Building Council  
US Resiliency Council  
Valley Economic Alliance, The  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association  
Venice Chamber of Commerce  
Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation  
Veterans in Business  
Vietnamese American Chamber  
Village of Sherman Oaks BID  
Warner Center Association  
West Covina Chamber  
West Hollywood Chamber  
West Hollywood Design District  
West Los Angeles Chamber  
West San Gabriel Valley Association of Realtors  
West Valley/Warner Center Chamber  
Westchester BID  
Western Electrical Contractors Association  
Western Manufactured Housing Association  
Western Propane Gas Association  
Western States Petroleum Association  
Westside Council of Chambers  
Westwood Community Council  
Whittier Chamber of Commerce  
Wilmington Chamber  
World Trade Center  
Yes in My Backyard  
7-Eleven Franchise Owners Association of Southern California