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Lauren Sanchez, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Proposed E15 Regulations

Dear Chair Sanchez and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to urge you to adopt the California Air Resources Board's proposed amendments to California's Reformulated Gasoline regulations to facilitate the introduction of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) into the California market.

Adopting the proposed amendments would help fulfill the Legislature's intent in passing Assembly Bill 30 and recently passed cleanup legislation, Senate Bill 795, by removing barriers to the sale and adoption of E15 and providing Californians access to an additional, potentially lower-cost fuel option. The proposed amendments are a thoughtful and critical step toward translating that legislative direction into a workable, durable marketplace framework.

We support CARB's approach of integrating E15 into California's existing reformulated gasoline regulatory framework. This approach builds upon California's existing requirements rather than creating an entirely separate regulatory structure.

The proposed amendments provide regulatory certainty for refiners, fuel suppliers, and retailers while continuing to require fuels sold in California to meet the state's stringent fuel and emissions standards.

The proposed amendments advance the balance sought by legislative leaders when they passed AB 30: removing unnecessary barriers to E15 while maintaining California's strong public health and environmental protections. CARB staff has also ensured that the proposed amendments align with partner agencies. Having taken the important step of authorizing E15, California should avoid unnecessary regulatory delays or duplicative

requirements that could prevent consumers from realizing the benefits of that policy.

Importantly, the proposed regulations do not mandate the sale of E15. They instead provide refiners, fuel suppliers, and retailers with a clear regulatory pathway to voluntarily offer another fuel option to California consumers. At a time when Californians continue to face some of the highest gasoline prices in the nation, state policy should encourage additional competition and consumer choice wherever it can do so while maintaining California's stringent public health and environmental protections.

For these reasons, we strongly support the proposed E15 regulations and respectfully urge the Board to adopt them without unnecessary delay. Adoption will help fulfill the Legislature's intent in passing AB 30, provide greater regulatory certainty to the marketplace, and move California closer to making an additional, potentially lower-cost fuel option available to consumers.

We look forward to continuing to engage with CARB and state leaders to ensure timely implementation and help make potentially lower-cost E15 available to Californians while maintaining the state's stringent environmental and public health protections.

Sincerely,

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