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The Honorable Fran Pavley
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Senate Bill 32 (Pavley)-SUPPORT

Dear Senator Pavley,

The City of Arcata supports Senate Bill 32, an important measure to set an overarching climate pollution reduction target of 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The City of Arcata has been working for years toward goals of energy sustainability, energy independence and climate neutrality. The City adopted its Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan in 2006 and since that time has implemented numerous reduction efforts including development of a municipal forest carbon sequestration program, a voter-approved tax on residential excessive electricity use, installation of electric vehicle support infrastructure, development of a Green Fleet Policy and a Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan to outline strategies that will result in mode shift to non-emission releasing forms of transportation, as well as investing in efficiency measures throughout City operations.

While local communities have and will achieve much success, it will still require state leadership through policies and comprehensive programs that drive large-scale renewable development and long-term reductions to become an emission-free state. Projections have shown that as the electric grid emissions decline through development of renewable energy, emissions from the extraction, transmission and use of Natural Gas become a significant portion of the remaining emissions. Long-term solutions should start now to look at how to plan for technology, equipment and appliance transition away from Natural Gas and to the carbon-free, renewable grid to meet the proposed reductions set by SB 32.

We support SB 32 because it is designed to integrate with complementary policies-such as standards for renewable power, energy efficiency in buildings, and petroleum reductions-to achieve four goals: job creation, improved public health, innovation, and regional policy collaboration. Long-term goals to reduce climate pollution are imperative to protect the general public health and future of our communities.

Thank you for introducing this measure to promote environmental progress, healthier communities, and a stronger economy.

Sincerely,



Michael Winkler
Mayor

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