March XX, 2016

Honorable Assembly Member Autumn Burke,

State Capitol, Room 5144

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2722 (Burke), Transformative Climate Communities Program - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Burke:

On behalf of the XXX, we are writing to express our strong support for AB 2722, which would create a new statewide program that will provide comprehensive investments for multiple, coordinated greenhouse gas reduction projects that will provide local economic, workforce, environmental and health benefits to California’s most vulnerable communities.

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AB 2722 will give $250 million to fund Transformative Climate Communities program at the Strategic Growth Council, in coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary for Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs. The investments will be focused on communities most impacted by pollution and vulnerable to climate change and emphasize community engagement in developing and implementing a suite of beneficial projects purposed to promote sustainable community development.

The Transformative Climate Communities Program will foster a integrative, collaborative approach to comprehensively address the burdens of disproportionately impacted communities that have suffered from decades of environmental pollution and neglect.

It moves out of the project-specific silos that has characterized most Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund spending thus far and instead, promote multi-stakeholder collaborations and leverage a range of funding sources, including private sector, to achieve large-scale impact in a holistic manner.

Your bill, AB 2722 will initiate investments in overburdened communities that face a range of challenges directly connecting investments to residents most impacted by multiple sources of pollution, while protecting California’s underserved and vulnerable communities.

For these reasons, we are pleased to offer our strong support of AB 2722.

Sincerely,