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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## **RE: Thank You for Including Sustainable Aviation Fuel Incentives in the State Budget**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, we extend our sincere appreciation for your leadership in including the Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) incentive package in the proposed State of California budget.

For Contra Costa County, this proposal holds particular significance due to the county's longstanding role as a center of energy production, refining, logistics, and fuel innovation. Our county is home to critical industrial facilities, transportation corridors, and skilled labor that uniquely position Contra Costa to support near-term deployment and scaling of SAF production and distribution. Leveraging these existing assets allows California to accelerate decarbonization while maintaining energy reliability and operational efficiency.

The SAF incentive package recognizes the importance of utilizing existing infrastructure—including advanced refining capabilities, rail and marine terminals, and connections to major aviation markets—to support the transition to lower-carbon fuels. These incentives provide a practical pathway to repurpose and modernize facilities in a manner that is both environmentally responsible and economically sound.

Importantly, SAF represents one of the most viable strategies for reducing emissions from the aviation sector, where alternatives are limited. The inclusion of this incentive in the state budget sends a strong signal that California is committed to scalable, technology-driven solutions that deliver measurable emissions reductions while protecting the integrity of the state's energy system.

As the budget advances through the legislative process, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors strongly hopes that this SAF incentive package will continue to receive consideration and ultimately be enacted. We stand ready to work collaboratively with your administration and legislative partners to support implementation efforts that advance California's climate objectives and maximize benefits for local communities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to innovation, sustainability, and responsible energy policy.

Sincerely,



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