Dear Governor Brown, Speaker Pro Tem de Leon, and Speaker Rendon,

Thank you for your leadership on climate, clean energy, and the economy. California’s efforts on these issues are unmatched by any other state and they have created a path for California’s economy to grow and for an emissions trajectory that, if replicated by the world, would avoid the worst damage that a warming climate would inflict.

The groups signing this letter represent hundreds of employers and trillions of dollars of economic value. We support AB 398 (E. Garcia), a climate change bill which will extend California’s cap-and-trade program.

We support extension of California’s cap-and-trade program because it:

- Provides market certainty – and regulatory continuity – that is critical for businesses;
- Reduces greenhouse gases (GHGs) at the least cost;
- Results in certain, quantifiable GHG emission reductions;
- Creates an opportunity to maximize investments in carbon reduction programs that create jobs and economic growth.

We strongly support AB 398 and urge the legislature to come together to support the bill as well. Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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