



March 26, 2026

The Honorable Isaac G. Bryan, Chair  
 Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1849 – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Bryan:

The undersigned organizations are pleased to support AB 1849, which establishes a thoughtful framework to assess and accelerate the role of decarbonized gaseous fuels in California’s transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

AB 1849 recognizes an essential reality of the state’s climate strategy: while electrification will play a central role in emissions reductions, hard-to-electrify sectors and the electricity sector itself will require low-carbon fuels to decarbonize. By directing the Air Resources Board to assess the volume of decarbonized gaseous fuels needed and to recommend performance-based, technology-neutral policies, this bill will accelerate progress in achieving California’s climate goals while maintaining reliability, affordability and public health and safety.

California has made substantial progress in renewable electricity and transportation fuels, yet natural gas use for power generation has barely declined and hard-to-electrify sectors remain largely dependent on fossil fuels. At the same time, the state is seeing increased reliance on diesel backup generation and is facing escalating wildfire, landfill, and methane challenges. AB 1849 responds directly to these realities by advancing the production and use of decarbonized gaseous fuels derived from organic waste and other low-carbon sources. The bill aligns with the state’s climate scoping plan, supports carbon neutrality goals, and recognizes that expanding clean gaseous fuels is critical to reducing air pollution, protecting public health, improving electricity reliability, and creating in-state economic opportunities.

AB 1849 provides a pragmatic and data-driven path to expand clean fuel options while protecting grid reliability and advancing public health. We believe this balanced approach is essential to achieving statewide climate targets without compromising economic competitiveness.

For these reasons, we urge the Assembly Natural Resources Committee to pass AB 1849.

Sincerely,

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