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## **Support Small Business Technology Development**

As a small business, we support other small business to develop and commercialize technologies that have been overlooked if not blocked by industry and regulations. We have invested large amounts of money, time, and resources in showing our support, and would like to see the state do the same. We have identified certain barriers or misleading information that we would like to see addressed below:

- 1) Clarify in biofuels production solicitations whether or not alternative fuels such as microemulsion diesel, dimethyl ether, and other emerging technologies are eligible for such opportunities, and if they are, to provide criteria and details for what stages of production and sales would be competitive.
- 2) Increase the budget for emerging opportunities from \$4.2 million to \$6.5 million to support in-use demonstration projects of early-stage commercial alternative biofuels as well as pilot production opportunities for the following reasons since in-use demonstration funding for early-stage commercial biofuels is not available through CARB, existing CEC, or other state or funding opportunities.
- 3) Include in proposal scoring criteria the point allotment for projects that a) support disadvantaged communities or b) are proposed by minority and/or women-owned businesses since grant solicitations claim to support these initiatives but apparently do not quantify this in the scoring.
- 4) Revise wording in biofuel production (as well as other) solicitations that might state that "Corn grain is NOT an eligible feedstock; however, corn oil and corn stover are eligible. If using municipal solid waste (MSW) as a feedstock, only the biogenic fraction of the waste stream is eligible." to instead say:  
"Corn grain is NOT an eligible feedstock for gasoline substitutes; however, corn oil and corn stover are eligible. If using municipal solid waste (MSW) as a feedstock, only the biogenic fraction of the waste stream is eligible."