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November 17, 2020

Commissioner Patty Monahan
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Docket No. 20-IEPR-02 – 2020 Integrated Energy Policy Report

Dear Commissioner Monahan and Staff,

As the State Senator representing the 20th State Senate District, I am writing to you today on behalf of MHX Solutions—which has locations in Fontana within my district—and its partner New Leaf Biofuel. These companies have been successfully building a 100 percent low-carbon renewable fuels distribution business at their rail transload terminal in my district for the past five years and are poised to grow that business significantly, thereby creating and supporting good paying jobs.

It is my understanding that this project will enable the expansion to over 100 million gallons per year (Mgpy) of non-petroleum biofuels to be distributed in the Inland Empire region of Southern California, which would help to improve access to these low-carbon fuels offering cost savings to businesses as compared to petroleum diesel fuel. These fuels would also target use almost exclusively in Class 7 & 8 truck fleets that operate throughout Southern California, expediting decarbonization of the heavy duty truck sector.

The contemplated investment of \$5-6 million would result in actual greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions of between 600,000 to 800,000 metric tons (MT) annually. This project also appears to be the first in a series of non-petroleum all-renewable biofuels bulk terminals around the state. In addition to the GHG reductions, this all-renewable diesel replacement fuel will reduce tailpipe emissions considerably, as biodiesel is known to reduce all other criteria pollutants as compared to petroleum diesel.

Given all of these benefits, I ask that the Energy Commission strongly consider this New Leaf Biofuel biodiesel storage and distribution infrastructure project at MHX Solutions in Fontana for funding under any upcoming Clean Transportation Program solicitations or any other decarbonization funding programs. This project will support California workers and their families, while also greatly helping to clean our air and environment. Thank you for all of your efforts and continued commitment to decarbonizing California's transportation sector.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Connie M. Leyva". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

CONNIE M. LEYVA
State Senator, 20th District