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## Wine Institute Comments on FPIP

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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## **Re: Comments on Proposed Changes to Food Production Investment Program**

Dear Mr. Ghandi,

Wine Institute is pleased to offer comment on the proposed changes to the Food Production Investment Program (FPIP), as discussed at your May 9 and May 14, 2019 workshops. Wine Institute is the public policy voice for the California wine industry, representing over 1,000 wineries and associated businesses. The wine industry is committed to pursuing energy efficiencies and innovative approaches to reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) at winemaking facilities.

Our members hope to take advantage of the FPIP funding and support the proposed changes to the program in the next solicitation round, which will encourage more applications and improve the chances of success for a greater diversity of important projects at food production facilities around the state.

In particular, we support your proposal to reduce the scoring preference for capped facilities. While we understand that capped facilities would still have a preference over non-capped facilities, your proposal gives non-capped facilities a better chance at having well-designed, impactful projects funded. We also support your proposals to expand the window for applicants to apply, and your proposal to extend the deadline for match funding commitment letters.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to sharing details of the next solicitation with our members once it is available.

Regards,

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