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California Energy Commission
Docket Office, MS-4
Re: Docket 09-ALT-1, Propane and Natural Gas Technical Workshop
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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Dear Chairman Douglas and Vice Chair Boyd:

On behalf of the propane industry in California, I would like to express my appreciation to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for its work to increase the use of alternative and renewable transportation fuel as directed by AB 118. Our industry is also extremely appreciative of the funding allocation provided for propane vehicles in the *2008-09 Investment Plan for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program*.

As the Commission continues with the 2008-09 Investment Plan and develops the 2010-11 plan, the Western Propane Gas Association would propose that it assist CEC staff in the deployment of incentive funds for propane vehicle purchases. Our association and its sister organization, the Western Propane Education & Research Council, are 501(c)6 nonprofit organizations that administer a number of rebate and incentive programs. In this era of government cutbacks, our association is willing to shoulder a great deal of the administrative and promotional burdens of an incentive or rebate program that the CEC staff creates. We would not ask for anything in return for fulfilling these duties because we believe supporting this program falls squarely into the association's mission to promote propane as a viable engine fuel for Californians.

Our industry is grateful for the collaborative relationship we have developed with the Commission staff and look forward to continuing our work with you for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Lesley Brown Garland
President and CEO