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James D. Boyd
Vice Chair and Presiding Member
Transportation Committee
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2010-2011 Investment Plan for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

Dear Commissioner Boyd:

Clean World Partners, LLC (CWP) is pleased to have been recognized by the California Energy Commission (CEC) for its pioneering efforts in the area of biomass-to-energy and believes that there are substantial benefits to directing more AB 118 funds to this renewable energy space.

CWP was established to develop, design, build and manage turnkey AD systems that enable public and private organizations to divert organic waste from landfills and convert it into clean energy and safe, reusable by-products such as compost and clean water. Our initial project, The Sacramento Bio-refinery #1 (SBR1) has been proposed to produce bio-methane for fleet vehicles and to promote deployment of new, renewable fuel vehicles by providing a safe, reliable and locally produced supply of bio-fuel. Earlier this year, CWP and SBR1 were selected by the CEC for a \$2.5 million commitment to CWP towards the facility, payable conditionally upon an award from the Department of Energy for both EERE and ARRA grant applications.

We are very appreciative of the recognition in this contingent award that SBR1 is a high-value and highly developed project that merits state investment. After attending recent workshops on the 2010-2011 Investment Plan, and with a mounting body of evidence that further supports acceleration of biomass-to-energy technologies and the use of that energy for transportation alternatives, CWP urges the CEC to dedicate a larger share of AB 118 funds to bio-refinery projects. The Low Carbon Fuel Standard recently adopted by the California Air Resources Board identified CNG from landfill gas as having the lowest carbon intensity of any available fuel. Due to the high efficiencies and environmental benefits achievable on advanced AD systems, developers such as CWP will be introducing bio-methane into the marketplace with a carbon intensity even lower than that of landfill gas to CNG.

The current Investment Plan allocates \$10M towards funding California bio-refineries—an amount equal to only 5.6 percent of the total \$176 million available from AB118 funds. We believe that by increasing the percentage of funds directed to bio-refinery development, the CEC can significantly boost its overall return on monies invested in renewable energy. Furthermore, that return can happen quickly; CWP alone has initiated three projects that can be delivered within six to nine months of receipt of funding.

We would strongly urge the Commission to increase the funding for bio-refineries to reflect the high value that the energy from these projects can bring to California.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Warren Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Warren" and the last name "Smith" clearly legible.

Warren Smith, CEO

Cc: Commissioner Karen Douglas
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