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RE: 10-ALT-1, 2011-2012 Investment Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

People's Fuel thanks you for this opportunity to comment on the 2011-2012 Investment Plan for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program Committee Draft Report. Since May 2005 People's Fuel has been dedicated to providing communities with sustainably sourced and locally produced biodiesel, tested and ASTM certified.

People's Fuel supports allocating \$7.5 million for production plants for diesel substitutes such as biodiesel in the draft investment plan. However, this letter is to strongly request that the \$4 million for infrastructure for these fuels, which was cut from the previous draft, be reinstated.

The current lack of biodiesel infrastructure for rail offloading, terminal storage, rack blending, and UST storage is a major deterrent to the expansion of biodiesel fueling in our state. Biodiesel fueling has stopped in many places around the state because UST owners cannot afford the infrastructure needed to comply with State Water Board regulations. And, because none of California's approximately 50 terminals has biodiesel/renewable diesel storage or blending capabilities, biodiesel's costs are increased by 10 to 25 cents per blended gallon. Biodiesel's low carbon benefits can only be fully realized through federal and state programs of RFS2 and LCFS with adequate infrastructure funding.

Please reinstate the \$4 million for diesel substitutes infrastructure into the funding plan. This infrastructure spending is a truly cost efficient way to support the biodiesel industry's unique ability to create good green jobs, greatly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and decrease our state's dependence on foreign oil.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue of vital importance to our state's energy future.

Sincerely,

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