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Commissioner Robert B. Weisenmiller
California Energy Commission
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Re: Docket No. 14-ALT-01
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California Energy Commission

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Via Email: docket@energy.ca.gov**Subject:** Comments to the draft 2015/2016 ARFVTP Investment Plan, Docket No. 14-ALT-01

Dear Commissioner Weisenmiller:

Thank you for your leadership and your staff's thoughtful work in preparing the 2015/2016 draft Investment Plan. CalRecycle commends the California Energy Commission (CEC) for taking a balanced approach in developing the draft Investment Plan, including continued support for biofuel production. While CalRecycle acknowledges the need to provide funding for all of the various fuel sectors and supports the current draft allocation, we also maintain that additional funds are warranted for production of the exceptionally low carbon intensity biomethane that is derived from anaerobic digestion of organic solid waste feedstocks.

To date, the AB118 program has been instrumental in providing funding for 6 biomethane projects that will produce approximately 10 million diesel gallon equivalents of low carbon fuel per year. However, the supply of pre-landfill organic feedstock for production transportation fuel is far from exhausted. The more than 12 million tons of organic materials that are landfilled each year could instead be utilized to supply California with low carbon fuel. Continued funding for biomethane production in the 2015/2016 draft Investment Plan is critical to accelerate the development of additional pre-landfill biomethane production facilities.



CalRecycle appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the CEC on the AB 118 program. As you know, CalRecycle is committed to assisting in both the development and implementation of 2015/2016 Investment Plan. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (916) 341-6311.

Sincerely,



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