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- California Association of Mutual Water Companies
- California Business Roundtable
- California Financial Service Providers
- California Independent Petroleum Association
- California Manufacturers & Technology Association
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- Kern Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
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- Kern Taxpayers Association
- National Association of Royalty Owners - CA Chapter
- Nisei Farmers League
- North of the River Chamber Of Commerce
- Pacific Merchants Shipping Association
- San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance
- Tulare County Association of REALTORS
- Visalia Economic Development Corporation
- Water Association of Kern County
- Western States Petroleum Association

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Re: SUPPORT Aliso Canyon settlement agreement

To whom it may concern,

We are writing behalf of BizFed Central Valley, an advocacy organization that represents 20,000 businesses in the San Joaquin Valley that collectively employ 300,000 workers.

This settlement reflects more than two years of careful consideration and moves this issue toward a highly beneficial resolution.

The money Southern California Gas Company will pay in fines - \$26.5 million – will help reduce methane from dairy operations, many of which are located in the Central Valley. Reducing methane emissions here to 40 percent of 1990 levels will have a hugely positive effect on valley air quality.

Using dairy methane as renewable natural gas to power truck fleets will also be a win for the valley, which is home to California’s two main transportation arteries, Highway 99 and Interstate 5, both of which contribute greatly to our air pollution. Renewable natural gas can reduce GHG truck emissions by up to 80 percent.

For those reasons, BizFed Central Valley heartily supports the proposed Aliso settlement agreement.

Sincerely,

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