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The Honorable Dante Acosta
The Honorable Benjamin Allen
The Honorable Richard Bloom
The Honorable Raul Bocanegra
The Honorable Steven Bradford
The Honorable Autumn Burke
The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
The Honorable Steven Choi
The Honorable Matthew Dababneh
The Honorable Kevin de Leon
The Honorable Tom Daly
The Honorable Laura Friedman
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The Honorable Mike Gipson
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The Honorable Josh Newman
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The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
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The Honorable Sharon Quirk Silva
The Honorable Eloise Gomez Reyes
The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
The Honorable Richard Roth
The Honorable Blanca Rubio
The Honorable Miguel Santiago

The Honorable Henry Stern

RE: AB 398 (Eduardo Garcia) - Support

Dear Members of SCPPA's State Delegation:

The Southern California Public Power Authority writes in support of AB 398 (E. Garcia) efforts to extend California's landmark Cap-and-Trade Program, including continuation of existing elements that protect against significant ratepayer impacts. Since Cap-and-Trade was enacted, the electricity sector has made significant early investments to reduce emissions and has *already surpassed* the AB 32 goal to achieve approximately 20% emissions reductions below 1990 levels by the year 2020. Achieving the 40% below 1990 emissions levels by 2030 target will require real commitments across *all* sectors.

SCPPA is a joint powers authority whose members include the cities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside, and Vernon, and the Imperial Irrigation District. Each SCPPA Member owns and operates a publicly-owned electric utility governed by a board of local officials. Our Members collectively serve nearly five million people and thousands of business throughout an area spanning 7,000 square miles in Southern California.

Regulated entities, as well as current and potential Cap-and-Trade Program partners must be confident in California's path forward. Extending Cap-and-Trade via a two-thirds vote of the State Legislature – with important cost containment provisions – will help minimize program costs to utility customers and protect low- and moderate-income customers as California demonstrates how to achieve ambitious climate change goals in the most cost-effective manner possible.

We urge your support of AB 398 and respectfully request your "aye" vote.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Webster
Executive Director

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