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The Honorable Robert A. Wieckowski
Senate District 10
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 246 (OIL Act) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

I write on behalf of the Center for Climate Protection in support of your Senate Bill 246, which would bring California in line with every other major oil producing state in the nation by imposing an oil and natural gas severance tax on these extractive industries.

Our organization represents thousands of supporters and program collaborators throughout California. Our combined subscribers among our several programs adds up to nearly 10,000 individuals.

California is an oil and gas producing state, has been for over 100 years, and to date has never imposed a tax on the extraction of our fossil fuels. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, thirty-four other states have enacted fees or taxes on oil and gas production. We believe they have done the right thing.

SB 246 imposes an oil and gas severance tax at the rate of 10% of the average price per barrel of California oil or 10% of the average price per unit of gas. California has long instituted the principle of "Polluters Pay." It is time that California takes action and collects this revenue from the production of our natural resources, as other states have done for decades to the benefit of their residents.

We applaud your leadership on addressing the climate crisis and fully support the goals of SB 246. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to support the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Hancock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" being particularly prominent.

Ann Hancock
Executive Director