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Deliver rapid greenhouse gas reductions at scale, starting in California.

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Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
State Capitol
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Sacramento, CA 94249-0066

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi,

On behalf of The Climate Center, I write in support of Assembly Bill 345.

The Climate Center is a California nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2001 with a mission to deliver rapid greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions at scale, starting in California. The Climate Center represents thousands of supporters and program collaborators throughout California. Our combined participants and subscribers comprise nearly 10,000 individuals, including business and community leaders.

The Climate Center engages on legislation that has demonstrable climate change relevance and we support efforts to advance climate justice. Although AB 345 has no stated purpose of reducing GHGs, and the committee staff analysis does not mention GHG reduction potential, The Climate Center can foresee instances where an oil and gas facility might not be sited or expanded due to the safeguards put in place by AB 345. We applaud this prospect and strongly support the clearly stated purpose within the bill of protecting public health and safety, particularly in lower income communities where these facilities are most often sited. We offer our formal support of the bill.

Please be in touch with Woody Hastings (Woody@theclimatecenter.org) with any questions. Thank you for your climate and community leadership.

Sincerely,

Ellie Cohen, CEO

Cc: Woody Hastings, Energy Policy Analyst, The Climate Center