May 28, 2019

The Honorable Commissioner David Hochschild  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street, MS-32  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear David:

On behalf of the California Hydrogen Business Council (CHBC), I write to congratulate you on being confirmed as the new Chair of the California Energy Commission and to express our support for this long hoped for milestone.

Your extensive track record of supporting clean energy technology advancement and championing innovative ideas inspire confidence that as leader of the Commission, you will break new ground, be open to fresh perspectives, and help keep California on track toward reaching its important climate and clean energy goals.

We are eager to collaborate with you on realizing the full range of hydrogen’s capabilities to accelerate California’s globally recognized climate, clean air, and renewable energy efforts. We also look forward to working with you to build upon the Commission’s support of California’s pioneering policies to advance hydrogen as a key solution to zero emissions transportation, energy storage, and greenhouse gas reduction, including cutting short-lived climate pollutants.

Our organization includes members who are engaged in groundbreaking efforts in California and around the world to deploy hydrogen as part of climate protection strategies, and we stand ready to bring this international knowledge base to help achieve your priorities.

This includes enhancing your work on electrification to which hydrogen technology holds promise to contribute essential and unique benefits. These include ancillary services, long duration and seasonal storage that will be essential to integrating 100%
and zero renewable electricity, and hydrogen fuel cells to electrify difficult transportation applications like trucks, shipping, aviation, and zero emissions passenger vehicles where charging at home is difficult or where longer driving distances and fast fueling times are needed.

I am sorry I could not be at our Solar Circle meeting last week when I could have personally expressed our desire to work closely with you. Please feel free to call on me at the CHBC at any time, and in the meantime, we wish you well in your new position!

Regards,

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