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The Honorable Senator Tony Strickland

California State Senate

1021 O Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB-29

Dear Senator Strickland,

On behalf of Chevron and the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA), I am writing to express our support for SB-29, the Lower Gasoline and Diesel Prices Act. This bill would reduce California's gasoline and diesel excise tax, prevent future automatic tax increases, and exempt gasoline and diesel from state sales taxes. Together, these changes would provide meaningful relief to Californians struggling with high fuel costs.

Reliable and affordable transportation fuels remain essential to California's economy. Millions of residents depend on their vehicles to get to daily obligations. This is especially true in rural and agricultural communities, where public transportation options are often limited or unavailable. As fuel prices continue to rise, families across the state face increasing financial pressure.

SB-29 offers a practical way to address these concerns. By lowering the excise tax on gasoline and diesel and ending automatic inflation-based increases, the bill would help reduce costs at the pump and allow Californians to keep more of their hard earned income. It would also ensure future fuel tax increases receive greater legislative oversight and public accountability. Trucking companies, farmers, manufacturers, and small businesses all rely on transportation fuels to

operate effectively. When fuel costs increase, businesses often pass those expenses on to consumers through higher prices for food, household goods, and other everyday necessities. Lower fuel taxes can help ease those pressures and support economic activity across California.

Chevron and WSPA believe California can continue pursuing its environmental and transportation goals while also recognizing the importance of affordable energy. SB-29 represents a balanced approach that supports consumers and helps address the rising costs.

For these reasons, Chevron and the Western States Petroleum Association respectfully urge support for SB-29.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,



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