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## South Bay Cities Council of Governments

2355 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501

Dear **Chairwoman Valentine and Steering Committee Members,**

The Harbor Association of Industry & Commerce (HAIC) was established in 1975 as the collective voice and advocate for the harbor business community. As a non-profit industrial and commercial trade association, we look to serve as a united voice on trade, transportation, energy, and environmental issues affecting the South Bay and harbor business communities.

We support and applaud the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) efforts to consider the balanced energy resolution. We strongly believe it will provide valuable direction for cities and the region to pursue practical, long-term sustainability goals.

More than 110 local governments across Southern California, representing approximately 8 million people, have passed resolutions to support affordable and balanced strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The resolution urges policymakers to safeguard consumers' ability to choose natural gas, propane, or electric appliances for their homes and businesses. They were passed in response to concerns that state agencies are being called upon to take steps to prohibit the use of affordable natural gas in buildings.

More than 90 percent of homes and businesses in Southern California rely on natural gas for space, water heating or cooking. In surveys, Southern Californians regularly report they prefer natural gas for cooking, and home and water heating by a margin of 4 to 1, citing its affordability. The South Bay has long served as a leader in climate change and sustainability, and we support a holistic approach that considers the importance of choice.

Sincerely,

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