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Date

The Honorable Senator Nancy Skinner
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 8630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Cost of Gas Prices

Senator Skinner:

On behalf of (Name of Organization), we are writing to express concern for the volatility of gas prices that is effecting all Californians.

As oil companies raised prices and raked in record profits in late 2022, the impacts have had a ripple effect that staggered communities, consumers, labor, and businesses across the state. We plan to monitor the proposed legislation which is addressing the issue of discouraging these price hikes from happening in the first place and help provide oversight and transparency to hold the oil and gas industry accountable. Once the actual legislation is up for consideration in the legislature, we will make our comments and determine our position on the specifics.

We do support expanding the authority of the California Energy Commission and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to investigate and obtain information from oil companies. With increased oversight and transparency, the state can evaluate costs, profits, and pricing in the refining, distribution, and retail segments of the California gasoline market to uncover irregularities and minimize the likelihood of future unjustifiable price hikes.

Due to the significant and severe environmental and financial burdens that the oil and gas industry have imposed for decades, we thank you for taking steps to provide realistic solutions that will support communities, consumers, labor, and businesses through oversight and accountability.

Sincerely,