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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Representative Jamie Long
Chair, House Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: House File 2083 - Support

Dear Chairman Long:

Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. (“Suburban Propane”) writes in support of House File 2083, which establishes a clean fuel standard. Suburban Propane has been serving customers for more than 90 years and is the nation’s third-largest propane retailer with operations in 42 states.

We support the State’s goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and one of the most effective tools in lowering emissions is a technology-neutral clean fuel standard which embraces all low carbon fuels, instead of picking winners and losers and promoting any one industry over all others. Clean fuel standards have the added benefit of spurring innovation in developing clean energy.

The effectiveness and benefits of a technology-neutral clean fuel standard is evident in California’s highly successful Low Carbon Fuel Standard (“LCFS”) program. Since implementation, the program has led to a total reduction of 77.5 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and 4.5 billion gallons of petroleum diesel and 45.6 billion gallons of gasoline have been displaced by low-carbon alternatives.¹ The LCFS has been so successful that Oregon and Washington enacted similar programs, and other states are considering their own clean fuel standards, including New York and Massachusetts.

¹ <https://stillwaterassociates.com/californias-lcfs-is-successfully-proliferating-is-it-also-successfully-decarbonizing-transport/#:~:text=Under%20the%20LCFS%2C%20each%20fuel,to%2020%25%20reduction%20by%202030>. (accessed March 28, 2022)



In addition to the significant reduction in carbon emissions, clean fuel standards incentivize fuel producers to innovate and develop ultra-low carbon, carbon-neutral, and even carbon-negative fuels in order to meet or exceed the annually-decreasing carbon intensity benchmark and maximize the reduction in the carbon intensity of the energy they produce.

Suburban Propane has been actively engaging in the LCFS with traditional propane and is innovating to bring the next generation of even lower carbon energy sources to market, including renewable propane, renewable dimethyl ether (“rDME”), and blends of ultra-low carbon renewable products.

We urge the Committee to favorably report House File 2083 and support a clean fuel standard that will assist Minnesota in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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