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The Honorable Mike Eng, Chair
Assembly Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 626 (Kehoe) – As Amended May 26, 2009 – Support with amendments
Status: Assembly Transportation Committee Hearing – June 29, 2009

Dear Assemblyman Eng:

On May 21, 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted unanimously to support SB 626 with amendments. This bill would require the CPUC, in consultation with specified parties, to adopt rules by January 1, 2011, to evaluate policies to develop fueling infrastructure for plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles.

This bill is consistent with the CPUC's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A historic number of automakers have announced plans to deploy a range of plug-in hybrids and electric vehicles (PEVs) in 2009 and 2010. The CPUC supports the need to develop rules and adopt policies to determine the infrastructure and pricing structures for widespread deployment of plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles. However, the 2011 deadline for adopting the rules and addressing all other issues as prescribed by this bill is too restrictive. The CPUC should be provided at least an 18 month period, and preferably a two-year period, from the time legislation goes into effect to complete the proceeding addressing these issues.

Please see the attached analysis for a more detailed explanation of the CPUC's position.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 327-7788.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Poë".

MICHAEL POE
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Christine Kehoe, Member, California State Senate
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Gregson Porteous, Assembly Republican Caucus/Policy
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger