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The Honorable Richard Bloom  
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3  
State Capitol, Room 2003  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Cap and Trade Investment Plan**  
**SUPPORT FUNDING FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL CLIMATE COMMUNITIES**

Dear Assembly Member Bloom:

The Urban Counties of California (UCC), a coalition of California's most populous counties, writes to comment in support of the Governor's proposal to provide funding to the Transformational Climate Communities Program (TCCP) within the Cap and Trade investment plan.

Specifically, the Governor's Budget proposes a \$2.2 billion Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan to be allocated after legislation confirming the Air Board's authority to administer the Cap and Trade Program beyond 2020 is enacted through a two-thirds vote. As part of the Expenditure Plan, the Budget proposes \$142 to the TCCP which provides funding to cross-cutting, local climate communities program that will make investments in the state's top five percent of disadvantaged communities for energy, transportation, water, waste reduction and other greenhouse gas reducing projects.

Over the past few years, UCC has supported a dedicated local funding stream to implement local projects that cut across sectors and achieve multiple different co-benefits. Counties and other local governments are instrumental to meeting state climate and energy goals. Since local government is the closest level of government to Californians, local governments are able to make a significant impact by taking action in our communities and promoting public awareness.

UCC supports the dedicated funding stream for local governments. For these reasons, UCC is in support of this additional funding and respectfully requests your support. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 327-7531.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3

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