



California Metals Coalition

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To: Senate Environmental Quality Committee Members (Sent Via Fax)

RE: SUPPORT Senate Bill 696 (Wright); SCAQMD Emission Offset Credits, Permitting, and Reserve

The **California Metals Coalition (CMC)** was established in 1972 and today represents over 200 metalworking corporations and 7 regional metalworking trade organizations—employing over 25,000 Californians with living-wage manufacturing jobs and benefits.

California's metalworking industry is arguably the world's leader for **efficient, clean, and safe metal manufacturing**. When compared to manufacturing facilities around the world, California is often the place to find the most technologically advanced, and environmentally conscious metal manufacturers. We are also the world's largest recyclers, recycling millions of tons of metal that would otherwise end up in landfills.

CMC is writing you in support of Senate Bill 696 (Wright). The metalworking industry continues to pursue lower-emitting equipment replacements. Without SB 696, metalworking facilities in the SCAQMD cannot currently attain the necessary permits to install new equipment, or replace older equipment.

Metalworking businesses are under extreme pressure from customers to keep our prices low. Having to buy credits on the open market to install or replace equipment simply makes us uncompetitive. SB 696 resolves these concerns.

Finally, all Californians expect the stimulus package to result in increased work, new projects, and company expansion. But without the ability to get new permits for facility expansion, **the stimulus package funds will be unnecessarily held-up** from reaching the ailing economy.

California's metalworking industry strongly urges you to support SB 696. Thank you.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Simonelli', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

James Simonelli
Executive Director