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The Honorable Bob Hertzberg
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT SB 205 (Business licenses: stormwater discharge compliance)

Dear Senator Hertzberg,

BACKGROUND OF ADVANCED METAL MANUFACTURING SECTOR

California is home to approximately 4,000 advanced metal manufacturing facilities, employing over 350,000 Californians. The average industry salary is \$66,400/year in wages and benefits. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities. A job in the metal manufacturing sector is often the **only path to the middle class** for many of these Californians.

Californians discard more metal than any other state in the country. Fortunately, California's advanced metal manufacturers use recycled metal (ex: aluminum, brass, iron and steel) to make parts for the aerospace industry, clean energy technologies, electric cars, biotech apparatuses, medical devices, defense, agriculture, infrastructure, construction machinery, household appliances, food processing and storage, movement of water, and millions of other products demanded by society.

SUPPORT FOR SB 205

The California Metals Coalition (CMC) supports SB 205. When it rains, the storm water that discharges from an industrial facility is regulated by state and federal law. This regulation is in place to help protect the health and safety of Californians. Unfortunately, there are still industrial businesses operating in the state without a storm water permit. Without a permit, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), best management practices, and controls to manage storm water, unpermitted industrial sites discharge polluted water directly to municipal sewer systems. SB 205 is an important step to close the gap of unpermitted facilities and help clean our waters.

The members of CMC appreciate your leadership on this issue and support the passage of SB 205.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli
Executive Director