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Committee on Accountability and Administrative Review

Chair: Assemblymember Susan Talamantes-Eggman

Vice Chair: Assemblymember Tom Lackey

Members: Assemblymembers Burke, Flora, Frazier, Medina, Quirk-Silva

RE: SUPPORT AB 262 (Bonta), Buy Clean California Act

Dear Chair Talamantes-Eggman:

California is home to approximately 3,000 metalworking facilities, employing over 100,000 Californians with middle-class manufacturing jobs and health benefits. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities.

California metal manufacturers use recycled metal (ex: aluminum, brass, iron and steel) to make parts for clean energy technologies, electric cars, biotech apparatuses, medical devices, aerospace products, national defense items, agriculture, infrastructure, construction machinery, household appliances, food processing and storage, movement of water, and millions of other products demanded by society.

California metal manufacturing facilities continue to invest millions of dollars on environmental controls. Unfortunately, our competitors outside of California, and throughout the world, often do not make the same investments. AB 262 recognizes the higher standard of pollution control equipment, reduced transportation of products, and overall goal of responsible product stewardship.

CMC supports the "Buy Clean California Act." We look forward to finding solutions that meet California's climate change goals and allowing the most advanced metalworking companies and jobs to prosper.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli
Executive Director