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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Safely Resuming Operations at Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility

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's metalworking companies recycle discarded metal and manufacture new components used in: aerospace, biotech apparatuses, solar panels, electric cars, medical devices, infrastructure, national defense, agriculture, construction, transportation and millions of other applications.

Energy, materials, labor and far reaching regulations are the major factors impacting metal manufacturers. The cost of energy in the state of California is significant for metal manufacturing businesses, especially because we primarily compete with out-of-state competitors.

Our sector understands, and appreciates, the need for government to balance public health and business activities. **We urge you and the regulatory agencies overseeing the re-opening of Aliso to work with all stakeholders to review and process SoCalGas' request to resume injection as quickly and safely as possible.**

On behalf of the state's metalworking industry, thank you for your dedication to our state, supporting advanced manufacturing middle-class jobs, and balancing the needs of all California communities.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli
Executive Director

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