

SAMPLE LETTER OF SUPPORT—AB 2744

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Assembly member Jared Huffman
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RE: Support for AB 2744

Dear Assembly member Huffman,

I am pleased to register support for AB 2744 on behalf of <your organization>.

With fully half of all of the Bay Area's greenhouse gas emissions coming from transportation, it is clear that significant emission cuts will have to come from this sector to meet California's ambitious goals greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. Even with the state's progress on lower-carbon fuels and vehicles with better mileage, we are going to continue to see increases in greenhouse gas emissions from transportation as Californians are driving more and more every year. There are host of strategies that can help people continue to access opportunities while driving less. Unfortunately, these kinds of transportation solutions are chronically underfunded.

Your important legislation will provide funding for a range of strategies that will reduce climate change pollution from Bay Area transportation while giving commuters great new choices for getting out of congestion. Through its creation of a Transportation Fund for Climate Protection to fund long-term transportation alternatives, AB 2744 is the boldest attempt anywhere in the country to mitigate the climate impacts of burning fossil fuels.

<insert something about your organization and why it supports AB 2744>

AB 2744 would replace MTC's existing authorization for a Bay Area regional gas tax with the authority for MTC to create a Transportation Fund for Climate Protection. The passage of AB 2744 would mean that MTC could develop and present to Bay Area voters a proposal, and with majority support, start funding efforts including bicycle and pedestrian access and safety improvements, transit efficiency and enhancement, carshare and rideshare programs, a regional safe routes to school program, free and reduced transit passes, and other transportation projects that address climate change and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

If we are serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we have to invest in quality alternatives. Your bill would give the Bay Area the ability to take the lead in doing this. We thank you for your leadership and are pleased to register our support for AB 2744.

Sincerely,

<Your name, your organization>

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