



March 7, 2025

The Honorable Isaac Bryan  
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
1020 N Street, room 162  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 35 (Alvarez) Hydrogen Pipeline Permitting**

Dear Assemblyman Bryan,

On behalf of the California Hydrogen Coalition (CHC), we write in support of AB 35 (Alvarez) which would streamline review for clean hydrogen transportation projects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

This essential step is needed to ensure that California can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, combat climate change and meet development deadlines as specified in the \$1.2B federal grant that California has been awarded under the Department of Energy's clean hydrogen ARCHES program. The current system that guides review processes at the Public Utilities Commission has historically resulted in approval permits to be extremely lengthy and time consuming, along with increased project costs and delays that will prevent California from achieving the climate goals we have set out.

The mission of CHC is to enable California's transition to zero emission vehicles by expanding the availability of reliable, convenient and affordable hydrogen fueling to support the state's emission reduction goals. While much attention has been paid to hydrogen production and end-uses, distribution is an equally critical priority.

For California to realize meaningful emission reductions in the industrial sector, energy and transportation sectors, the availability of abundant clean hydrogen will be needed. AB 35 (Alvarez) ensures California can capitalize on the transformative opportunity presented via ARCHES. For these reasons the CHC is pleased to support AB 35 (Alvarez) and would appreciate your "AYE" vote when heard in Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable David Alvarez  
Lawrence Lingbloom, Consultant, Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Assembly Republican Caucus