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September 13, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1007 (Pavley)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

AB 1007 (Pavley) will come before you soon for your signature. I respectfully urge you to veto this measure.

Assembly Bill 1007 (Pavley) requires the California Energy Commission to adopt a state plan to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels.

AB 1007 authorizes the Energy Commission to adopt a plan containing standards on transportation fuels and vehicles. Giving a state agency authority to adopt standards on vehicles is inappropriate. If standards are authorized that are inconsistent with those at the national level, this will result in inconvenience, higher prices and lack of choice for California consumers. Government-subsidized markets inevitably cost the consumer.

In addition, while the bill requires a plan, it provides no regulatory authority to implement it.

For the above reasons, I respectfully request that you to veto AB 1007.

Sincerely,

DICK ACKERMAN
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September 19, 2005

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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RE: RECOMMENDED VETO OF AB 1007 (PAVLEY)

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter serves to memorialize a veto request for Assembly Bill 1007, which passed the Assembly on September 7, 2005, by a vote of 51 to 28, with 28 members of the Assembly Republican Caucus voting 'No'.

AB 1007 mandates the Air Resources Board (ARB) and others, no later than January 1, 2007, develop recommendations for a plan for the state to use more "alternative fuels" to ensure that there is no "net increase" in air or water pollution.

The bill will interfere with the alternative fuels market that, without government mandates, is succeeding on its own. Additionally, the bill ignores the reality of California's energy future: the state will need to use all fuel sources, including petroleum, in addition to conservation and efficiency measures, to meet the state's growing demand for transportation fuels. The state cannot afford to eliminate any fuel options from its portfolio.

Furthermore, the bill reverses the long-standing ARB policy that requires regulations to establish scientifically-based standards, and then the bill forces the industry to develop fuels that meet the standards. Moreover, the bill authorizes the ARB to "adopt regulations that consider the need for the state to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels to reduce the state's dependency on petroleum fuels," thereby opening the door to even more unnecessary and burdensome state regulations. Lastly, the bill seeks to promote the use of alternative fuels in a "top-down" fashion by requiring the government to develop a plan to use these fuels, instead of allowing the market and consumer demand for these fuels to drive the demand for their use.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 1007.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy
Assembly Republican Leader

Cc: Richard Costigan

7.ii. Oppose Letters – Organizations/Local Gov't

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