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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
Chairman, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 222 (Adams and Ma) - SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Fuentes:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is pleased to support AB 222, relating to emerging biofuel conversion technologies, which are a promising source of renewable energy.

According to the BioEnergy Producers Association, California's largest source of biomass is found in its municipal waste stream. About 70-75% of the more than 40 million tons of post-recycled urban waste that California places in landfills each year represent a tremendous untapped resource for the in-state production of biopower and biofuels. From this single source, clean 21st Century biorefineries, now commercially available, could safely and efficiently produce some 2.7 billion gallons of advanced biofuels and 3600 megawatts of power.

Under AB 222, a "biorefinery" would produce a renewable fuel from several types of carbonaceous materials listed. In addition, PG&E would note that non-plant agricultural waste can be a source of biogas.

PG&E supports the advancement of technologies, that when applied in an environmentally protective manner can help California achieve its greenhouse gas and renewable energy goals.

If you have any questions regarding our support of this legislation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: The Honorable Anthony Adams
The Honorable Fiona Ma
Members, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce
Daryl Thomas, Assembly Republican Caucus
John Moffatt, Office of the Governor