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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
Chair, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Room #5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Subject: AB 222 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Fuentes:

TRI is a 13-year old, clean energy gasification technology company located in Baltimore, Maryland. We have a zero-effluent commercial facility in operation and are involved in many other biorefinery projects, some of which have received significant (\$60 million+) federal funding for the production of transportation fuels from forest biomass.

We are writing to you to make clear our strong support for pending legislation AB 222. We believe that the proposed bill improves previous, existing legislation in this area, and passage of it would increase the likelihood that 21st century biorefineries such as those developed and supported by our company could flourish in your state, and thereby contribute very meaningfully to California's clean energy future.

Absent the improvements proposed in AB 222, the current obstacles faced by high-potential clean gasification projects in California would almost certainly serve to drive those potential projects – along with their significant investments and job creation – to other states.

We applaud your state's leadership in much of the clean energy and emissions arena, and hope that passage of AB 222 will add to those accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel A. Burciaga", is written over the typed name and title.

Daniel A. Burciaga
President & CEO