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The Honorable Senator Ricardo Lara
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 262 (Bonta, Eggman, and Steinorth) Buy Clean California Act

Dear Senator Lara,

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, we request your support for AB 262 (Bonta, Eggman, and Steinorth): "Buy Clean California Act." AB 262 aligns the State's procurement process with its climate change mitigation goals by rewarding clean manufacturing.

California is a leader in environmental stewardship and climate change mitigation. As such, the State has shaped a greener, less carbon intense local construction industry through forward-thinking legislation. However, the State's procurement process for its own infrastructure projects is out of sync with the local industry. State projects are awarded to the lowest bidder, regardless of the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the proposed building materials. AB 262 introduces global warming potential (GWP) standards for certain construction materials to the State's infrastructure bidding process, bringing the State's actions more in line with its values.

Communities such as the City of Cupertino have followed the State's lead in establishing Climate Action Plans and setting bold targets in reducing greenhouse gas emissions on the local level, including an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy. Through AB 262, the State will continue this leadership and align its purchasing decisions with our shared goal of shrinking the State's carbon footprint. For these reasons, the City respectfully asks for your support.

Sincerely,

Savita Vaidhyanathan
Mayor, City of Cupertino

cc: Assembly Members Bonta, Eggman, and Steinorth
Assembly Member Evan Low
Senator Jim Beall