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Subject: AB 39 – SUPPORT

I am writing on behalf of The Climate Center and its thousands of supporters around the state to express support for Assembly Bill 39. The Climate Center is a climate and energy policy nonprofit that works for rapid greenhouse gas reductions, starting in California.

AB 39 will statutorily authorize the Regents of the University of California to establish the California-China Climate Institute (Institute) in partnership with the Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development at Tsinghua University and other entities and institutions in China and California.

In September 2019, former California Governor Jerry Brown helped launch the Institute to promote climate action through joint research, training and dialogue between California and China. But the Institute is not statutorily created and can be dissolved despite its important research and without any involvement of the legislature that has placed a high priority on addressing global climate issues. AB 39 will formalize in statute the Institute to make this important research institute permanent.

The Institute fosters collaboration to inform and shape climate policy, advance joint policy research on major climate issues, support high-level dialogue on specific climate issues, and provide training to specified entities to advance climate and environmental policies. The Climate Center recognizes the importance of cooperation, collaboration, and dialogue to advance bold climate action. For these reasons, we support AB 39 and thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ellie Cohen, Chief Executive Officer
The Climate Center