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The Honorable Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1280 (Robert Garcia): Incentivizing the Modernization of California's Manufacturing Sector – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Bryan:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in strong support of AB 1280 (Garcia). This bill will reinvest in the state's manufacturing base by providing funding under the state's existing grant and incentive programs to replace fossil fuel-fired industrial heating equipment with available clean energy technologies like heat pumps and thermal energy storage. These projects will slash greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve air quality, and preserve and create family-sustaining jobs in California's manufacturing sector.

California's industrial sector accounts for 20% of the state's overall GHG emissions—the largest source of GHG emissions after the transportation sector—as well as a significant source of hazardous air pollutants that put our communities at higher risk of developing asthma, respiratory-related illnesses, and premature death. In order to meet the state's 2045 carbon neutrality goals, California must take action now to promote technologies that are already available to enable wide-scale industrial decarbonization over the next decade. Modernizing California's manufacturing sector is critical for the health and safety of California's low-income communities and communities of color, who are disproportionately impacted by pollution from industrial facilities and already experience the cumulative burden of other environmental exposures and socioeconomic barriers. For example, about 60% of all nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) emissions in California were from industrial facilities located within one mile of environmental justice communities.

California has long been a manufacturing leader in producing everyday essentials such as food and beverages, medicine, paper, and glass. Over 35,000 manufacturing firms generate 12% of the state's economic output and employ over 1.2 million people across nearly every county. Modernizing the manufacturing sector is an opportunity to advance good-paying, human-operated jobs. AB 1280 will make the necessary investments to help secure our manufacturing base as a major economic driver and job creator for decades to come, while keeping end costs affordable for the consumers who depend on these products every day.

Modernizing our manufacturing sector is a win for a healthy climate, clean air, equity, and good jobs. For all these reasons, we are proud to support AB 1280 and request your **"AYE"** vote.

Sincerely,

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