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To Our Fellow States and Provinces:

The 2022 Global Methane Pledge sets a collective goal for a thirty percent reduction in methane emissions by 2030 among 150 signatory nations. But regardless of the policies of national governments, the Global Methane Pledge will not be enough, and will not come to fruition, without strong action by subnational governments, which often serve as the primary regulators of methane emissions.

When released into the atmosphere, methane causes intense but short-term warming. The largest anthropogenic sources of methane emissions are agriculture (e.g., cattle and rice production), energy (e.g., natural gas, coal and oil) and waste (e.g., landfills and wastewater). Due, in part, to its powerful but temporary effect, cutting methane emissions is essential to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

In California, we face a future with prolonged drought, reduced snowpack, rising seas and scorching heat. And although we are taking concrete, meaningful, and bold action to combat climate change, none of us can succeed alone. But together we can make a significant difference: that's why we seek your help in building a global coalition of subnational governments committed to action and global leadership on methane.

The Subnational Methane Action Coalition (SMAC) recognizes signatories' commitments to develop methane inventories and emissions reduction plans and promote methane education while working in collaboration with other signatories. We envision a future where the Initiative serves as a conduit for kickstarting concrete methane abatement projects, whether through channeling expertise where it's needed most, or serving as a conduit for philanthropies to direct funds towards major abatement opportunities.

We're honored to invite you to join California and our 15 founding signatories as part of the Coalition. We have included the list of signatories as well as the text of the SMAC Initiative. We hope you can join this global effort. For further information, including a discussion of resources potentially available for Coalition members please contact Takeshi Benjamín Kaji at takeshi.kaji@calepa.ca.gov.

Yours sincerely,

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