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Mayor Edwin M. Lee
City and County of San Francisco
San Francisco City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Lee:

As members of the San Francisco business community, we are writing to express our support for the City and County of San Francisco’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals (by 2017, reduce GHG emissions by 25 percent below 1990 levels; by 2025 reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels; and by 2050, reduce GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels). As participants on the Business Advisory Panel to the San Francisco Climate Action Plan, the twelve businesses listed below appreciate the opportunity to learn more about climate change and to seek solutions that benefit all of us.

We recognize that the commercial sector comprises approximately 40 percent of San Francisco’s greenhouse gas emissions (primarily through building energy use and vehicle trips), and that as such, businesses play an important role in meeting our community’s emissions reductions targets. Business Advisory Panel members include small and large businesses across a range of sectors, including some who have committed to addressing their corporate carbon footprints. We believe that collective cross-sector efforts have a greater impact than acting alone. Through organizations such as the Business Council on Climate Change, we seek to engage the City, County and other businesses, to assist the City and County of San Francisco in meeting its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

We are eager to continue to work with the City and County of San Francisco to facilitate San Francisco’s climate action strategy.

Sincerely,
The Business Advisory Panel to the San Francisco Climate Action Plan

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