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Department of Energy (DOE): Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED)
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20585

Subject: Letter of Support for ARCHES' Department of Energy Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE- FOA-0002779, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Clean Hydrogen Hubs.

To whom it may concern:

California has long led the nation and the world in environmental innovation and policy and will do so again with clean hydrogen (H₂). As we continue to work towards achieving California's clean air and climate goals, we write today in strong support for the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) as California's hydrogen hub. As elected officials representing diverse constituencies across the state, we are pleased to support ARCHES as California's hydrogen hub in our efforts to decarbonize our state.

The California Legislature has worked with the Governor's Office, the University of California System, Organized Labor, and Renewables100 Policy institute over the past year, supporting their efforts to establish ARCHES as California's applicant for DOE Hydrogen Hub funding and beyond. For example, the Legislature allocated ARCHES \$5 million through the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) for proposal development and startup costs.

Hydrogen is an important complement to other carbon-free solutions, such as solar, wind, hydro, and numerous storage solutions needed to reach California's clean air, clean energy, and climate goals. ARCHES shares our goal to move California toward a robust H₂ economy and marketplace, and a cleaner, greener future. Most importantly, ARCHES also shares our core value in prioritizing projects with a focus on California's impacted, disadvantaged, low-income, and tribal communities. It is critical we create

an economically sustainable, expanding, renewable H2 market for **all** that benefits California's communities.

California is uniquely positioned to become a hydrogen hub due to our strong skilled workforce, public and private investment base, relevant industrial ecosystem and supply chains, and renewable resources. The Legislature will continue partnering with ARCHES to create a policy environment to advance a clean hydrogen economy, coordinate with the Governor's Office to facilitate investing matching state funds in hydrogen projects through ARCHES, and support local and statewide community **engagement and outreach**. We offer our full support and backing to ARCHES' vision to create an economically resilient hub that helps accelerate our decarbonization efforts and helps California establish a clean economy and clean environment.

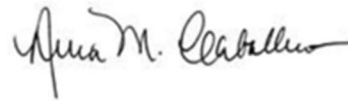
Sincerely,



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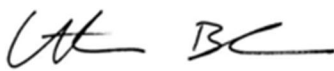
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