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To: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee

From: California Environmental Justice League

Subject: SUPPORT SB 260 (Weiner), as amended on April 19, 2021

The California Environmental Justice League (EJL) is pleased to support SB 260, which would require corporations with more than \$1 billion in revenue and doing business in California to publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions from direct and indirect sources, as specified.

For far too long, some of the biggest sources of pollution in our state have gone undisclosed. GHG emissions include more than those that directly stem from a site. They extend to the electricity used to operate a facility, its supply chain, waste discharge and all the other factors that contribute to an entity's carbon footprint, but the current reporting mechanism gives us only half the picture. If we are to significantly reduce GHG emissions, we need a comprehensive assessment.

SB 260 would require large corporations to determine and fully disclose emissions from direct and indirect activities, including contributing factors such as procurement practices, business travel, and employee commutes. The measure also requires the California Air Resources Board to report on, among other things, the required annual aggregated greenhouse gas emissions levels that would be necessary to maintain global temperatures within 1.5 degrees Celsius of preindustrial levels.

With this information, policymakers have better metrics to guide decisions regarding the scope of emissions from various sources, the technologies that can be deployed for carbon reduction, and the possible incentives for encouraging improved compliance and innovation. Establishing reduction targets also provides a tangible and accountable plan for how the larger entities will partner with the State to combat climate change.

The public too needs to understand the impact on the environment. By disclosing entity emissions data to the public, consumers can make more informed choices about goods and services, patronage, and investment options.

The first step to understanding where we need to be is to know where we are. SB 260 will provide us with that roadmap. For these and other reasons, we support this legislation.

Cc: The Honorable Scott Weiner