



Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy's Statement in Response to Governor's Inaugural Address

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Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy (CARE), a coalition of business, community organizations and local elected officials, today released the following statement regarding the Governor's comments on energy and climate change policy in his inaugural address:

"We agree with the Governor that the next phase of climate and energy policies must include 'pragmatic caution' in order to expand upon California's existing far-reaching programs to reduce carbon emissions under AB 32. California must have next generation policies that carefully balance our economic and environmental goals and that encourage other jurisdictions to follow. Requiring California, which is responsible for only 1% of global greenhouse gas emissions, to shoulder an even greater disproportionate share of the global effort to reduce emissions will be harmful to the state's economic growth and counterproductive to the effort to develop a global policy if not done correctly.

CARE believes that economic progress and greenhouse gas reductions will depend on a state energy and climate change plan that ensures an affordable and reliable energy system. We look forward to active collaboration with the Governor, the Legislature and other interested parties for a fully transparent and data-driven discussion on legislative proposals that can achieve climate change goals while protecting our economic competitiveness for the future."

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