



Statement in Response to Senate Vote on California Climate Legislative Package

June 3, 2015, Sacramento, CA – Californians for Affordable and Reliable Energy ([CARE](#)) responded to the passage today of several bills that create new energy and environmental mandates for the purpose of addressing climate change:

“We must ensure that there is balance and flexibility in all of these policies so that rapidly rising energy costs for California families and businesses does not impede our progress or damage our economic recovery,” said Rob Lapsley, member of the CARE coalition and president of the California Business Roundtable.

“There are many outstanding questions that have not been answered about how to meet the new goals and fulfill the new requirements. For example, there has been no clear analysis of the massive infrastructure investments that will be required to transition the energy sector. Additionally, experts acknowledge that the technology simply does not exist at the level or scale required to meet the goals in the timeframes outlined.

“We urge legislators to go beyond the rhetoric and ask the tough questions about these proposals. What effect will the government’s proposed energy mandates have on economic growth and job creation? Green jobs are not growing at the pace or salary level that replaces the middle class jobs that we are losing. Are the proposals based on realistic assumptions about technology and innovation? What are the true costs of the proposals for families and businesses? California is responsible for only one percent of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions, in order to truly lead on global climate change our policies must be reasonable and replicable in order to encourage other states and jurisdictions to follow.”

Californians for Affordable & Reliable Energy is a non-partisan coalition advocating for a comprehensive state energy plan on fuels and electricity that prioritizes affordability, reliability and adequate supply. For more information please visit [CAREaboutEnergy.org](#) or connect with the coalition on twitter @CAREaboutEnergy.

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