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Dear Chair Goulder:

The Labor Federation will be submitting formal, detailed written comment next week but I wanted to send you this email in advance of Tuesday's meeting. We appreciate the work of your committee and the language included thusfar relating to workforce training and investment. We support the inclusion of language in Section 5 regarding transition assistance for displaced workers and think that it is important enough to be referred to in the recommendations, section 6.

Loss of employment due to implementation of AB 32 in carbon-intense industries will cause great economic harm to families and communities. Workers who are not already classified as low-income may become low-income due to this transition. They deserve assistance. As you know, fears of job loss is a major reason people oppose climate legislation and regulation. Having strong worker protections can ameliorate this concern.

For your reference, I have included two recent studies on this matter. One is from the UCB Labor Center relating to workers in carbon-intensive industries and the other is from the Apollo Alliance/Cornell regarding Worker Adjustment Assistance.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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