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Chairperson Isaac Bryan
 Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
 1020 N Street, Room 164
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 (916) 319-2092

Re: AB 2626 Advanced Clean Fleets regulations: local governments (Dixon) – SUPPORT

Dear Chairperson Bryan:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) supports Assembly Bill (AB) 2626. As you know California’s local governments are facing challenges in attempts to meet the propagated California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliance standards and dates associated with State mandates to convert fleets to zero-emission vehicles (ZEV). Generally, local governments support the State’s goal of making efforts to mitigate climate change.

If passed, AB 2626 will address near-term challenges for local governments through a 10-year extension for compliance with the ZEV mandates. This would allow the industry to improve electric vehicle and battery technologies along with manufacturing the volume of vehicles necessary to outfit the fleets of nearly 500 cities, 58 counties, and thousands of special districts in California.

AB 2626 seeks a more practical approach to compliance with the current ZEV regulations established by CARB to provide time for local governments to partner with private industry to address the issues of availability, cost, and operational impacts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, OC San Administration Manager, at (714) 593-7581 or via mail at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Sincerely,

Chad P. Wanke
 Board Chairman

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