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To: House Committee on Transportation Policy

From: Mike Kaplan, Director

Subject: HB 2083 – Transportation Tax Credit Program

House Bills 2083 extends the transportation energy tax credit program beyond the current sunset at the end of 2017. The Department of Energy administers this program and does not support the extension of this tax credit.

In a letter to leadership dated June of 2016, Governor Brown recommended that three tax credit programs be allowed meet their legislatively established sunset at the end of 2017. Those programs include the Residential Energy Tax Credit, the Biomass Producer and Collector Tax Credit, and the Energy Incentive Program which includes the transportation tax credit.

HB 2083 extends the transportation tax credit program for alternative fuel vehicles projects (fleet and vehicle) until the end of the 2023 tax year.

The Department of Energy encourages the House Committee on Transportation Policy to recommend the natural sunset of this tax credit program at the end of the 2017 tax year.