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The Honorable Martin Garrick
California State Assembly
State Capitol
10th & L Streets
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Support AB 453**

Dear Assembly Member Garrick:

The California Service Station & Automotive Repair Association (CSSARA) is in total support of AB 453. This vital legislation is a common sense approach to what may be a devastating situation impacting small business, consumers, and jobs.

CSSARA has championed environmental compliance in our state but the reasonableness of the April 1, 2009 Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) mandate is seriously in question for the following reasons:

- 1.) We are in the worst economic recession since the great depression and banks are hesitant to lend. Volumes and margins are down and unemployment is at it highest level in years.
- 2.) CARB completely mishandled the roll out by not having adequate lead time in approving equipment, contractors, and suppliers.
- 3.) The State Water Resources Board should have ear marked funds collected by Underground Storage Tank (UST) Fund to meet the grant and loan needs of small business.

This mandate is important to the health of our society and we support its desired results but need help in order to comply, not business killing violations and monetary punishment.

Please show CSSARA in support of AB 453.

Sincerely,

Dennis DeCota
Executive Director

Cc: All members Committee on Natural Resources