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### **WSPA Statement Regarding Governor Brown's State of the State Address**

**SACRAMENTO** -- Western States Petroleum Association President Catherine Reheis-Boyd today issued the following statement in response to Governor Brown's State of the State Address:

"Governor Brown today re-affirmed his commitment to pursue California's aggressive climate change policies - already the most stringent in the nation and the world.

The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) supports market-based mechanisms such as cap-and-trade as the most cost-effective means of addressing greenhouse gas emissions, which are a global pollutant. Unlike costly and counter-productive command-and-control measures, a well-designed cap-and-trade program can ensure effective greenhouse gas emission reductions without the excessive costs that command-and-control measures would impose on California families and communities.

WSPA, representing many of the companies that provide California with the over 15 billion gallons of fuel consumed here every year, stands ready to work with the Governor, his administration, and the Legislature on cost-effective solutions to meet California's ambitious climate change goals. Working together, we can help develop cost effective policies that help reduce carbon emissions while ensuring hardworking Californians and the businesses that employ them do not bear the brunt of the costs of these ambitious targets."

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#### **ABOUT THE WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION**

Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) is a non-profit trade association that represents companies that account for the bulk of petroleum exploration, production, refining, transportation and marketing in the five western states of California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, and Nevada.