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Dear Western Climate Initiative (WCI) Partners:

The organizations listed below – members and allies of the Western Climate Advocates Network (WeCAN) – strongly support the WCI intent to form a Complementary Policies Committee. This committee can put forth solutions that will make implementation of a regional or federal economy-wide cap more achievable by helping to meet greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions targets in each sector. Complementary policies can also produce low-cost reductions that cap-and-trade alone would miss. Therefore, a robust set of complementary policies in addition to cap-and-trade alone will be the most cost-effective approach.

We support the current scope of work for the committee which includes examining policies that:

- have large GHG emissions reduction potential;
- reduce emissions of high global warming potential gases;
- address emissions from sources outside of regulated entities;
- avoid future increases in emissions;
- focus on public outreach and education; and
- have high collateral benefits.

Science indicates that reductions as much as 35 percent below current GHG levels will be needed by 2020 to help avoid dangerous climate impacts. These reductions are significantly greater than most state and provincial targets. We recommend that the WCI Complementary Policies Committee add to its scope of work a goal to have the combination of complementary policies and cap-and-trade achieve a science-based reduction target.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Submitted on behalf of **Western Climate Advocates Network (WeCAN)** – a network of environmental and public interest organizations around the Western U.S. and Canada working to advance critical issues related to the WCI – and other allied groups. **The following organizations endorse this document:**

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