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The Honorable Elaine Alquist
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB1270-Mandated Report & Proposals

Dear Senator Alquist:

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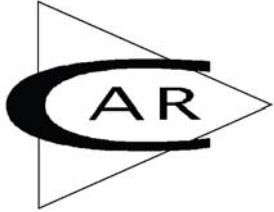
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The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB1270-Mandated Report & Proposals

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The Honorable Jim Beall
State Capitol, Room 5016
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RE: SB1270-Mandated Report & Proposals

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The Honorable Noreen Evans
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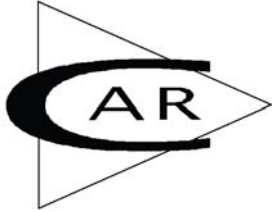
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The Honorable Betty Karnette
State Capitol, Room 2136
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The Honorable Sally Lieber
State Capitol, Room 3013
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RE: SB1270-Mandated Report & Proposals

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The Honorable Lloyd Levine
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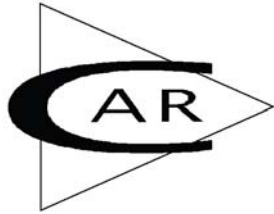
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The Honorable Tom Berryhill
State Capitol, Room 4116
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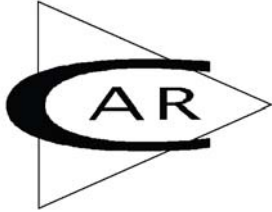
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The Honorable Mike Davis
State Capitol, Room 2160
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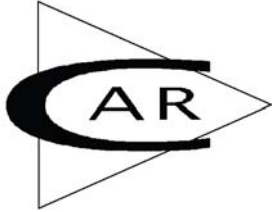
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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
State Capitol, Room 4162
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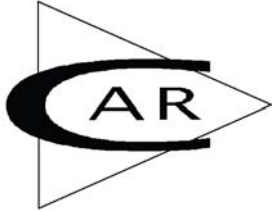
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The Honorable Laura Richardson
State Capitol, Room 3126
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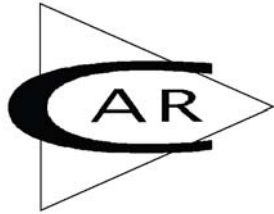
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The Honorable Todd Spitzer
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