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From: Meetings @ Valley Clean Energy
Subject: FW: Comment on Item 8, May 23, 2024 CAC meeting - BioMass /BioEnergy Task Group-Support

Dear Chair Athalye, Vice Chair Taylor and Gordon Samuel.

This letter is to provide a short public comment in support of item 8 on the May 23, 2024 CAC agenda, formation of a BioMass task group.

BioMass / BioEnergy is a broad category and I have long had concerns about the varying impacts of the broad range of technologies/sources that are covered by the general term. Additionally burning biomass does release CO2.

At their June 2021 meeting, the CAC did hear a presentation from Mr Samuel on the pros/cons of all the various renewable FOM (Front of Meter) technologies. BioMass was one of those. My take away from that meeting was that VCEA needs to carefully look at the pros and cons of biomass/bioenergy on a technology/source basis and evaluate the various impacts including environmental prior to using any.

So I do hope you do form this task group and I look forward to seeing the biomass position the CAC sends to the board for their consideration and the underlying principles in that position.

Thank You in Advance,

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