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Michael Picker, President
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: Retention of Southern California Gas Company's records relating to Aliso Canyon
Underground Storage Field**

Dear President Picker,

I am writing to ask the CPUC ensure that and Southern California Gas Company's (SoCal Gas) adequately retain all records, including emails, and information related to the gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Underground Storage Field.

As you are aware, there is great public concern and outrage over the gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Underground Storage Field and SoCal Gas's unsuccessful attempts to control it, both of which have sickened and displaced thousands of Porter Ranch residents. While my immediate concern is to stop the leak, protect the health and safety of the community, and safeguard against future leaks, as Chair of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee, I find it imperative that all relative information be available to investigators and the public. Preservation of records related to the operations, maintenance and condition of all gas wells and storage facilities owned and operated by SoCal Gas in California will be crucial for any future investigations into the cause of the leak.

Additionally, we are particularly interested in records and emails dated between the periods of December 8, 2006 to the present. Any information that SoCal Gas acquired that prompted it to request a Storage Integrated Management Plan in its current General Rate Case will be of utmost importance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me directly at (916)319-2043. Retention of records is critical in order for investigators to conduct a thorough and independent analysis into the cause of the gas leak, and to protect the Porter Ranch community, and all California communities, from future leaks.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Gatto".

MIKE GATTO
Chair, Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

