Senate Committee on  
Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources  
ATT: Lynn Gordon  

May 5, 2016  

Re: Study on the Effects of Transitioning Canada to a Low Carbon Economy

The Canadian Biogas Association appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Senate Committee discussions addressing Canada’s transition to a low carbon economy.

As was expressed in our remarks, biogas offers Canada the potential to reduce 37.5 Mt CO2e per year, or over 10% of Canada’s GHG reduction target. The Canadian Biogas Association reiterates its willingness to work with Provincial and Federal governments to develop conditions where carbon sources are available, valued and optimized for energy and resource recovery. In particular, we encourage Canada to embrace biogas by introducing:

- Changes to Canada’s Renewable Fuels Regulations to include RNG as an allowable fuel, similar to the Renewable Fuel Standard in the US. It makes sense for Canada to align with US EPA in their efforts and we see a willingness on behalf of federal government ministries to do so.
- Mandates to drive the use and optimization of carbon sources and that incent the production of RNG into the natural gas supply.
- Recognition of the important contribution to GHG reduction through methane abatement and means by which to value this contribution, for example carbon pricing, offset protocols, and targeted innovation investments.
- Biogas and RNG into Canada’s energy strategy and climate strategy.

The Canadian Biogas Association applauds the Senate Committee for investigating solutions, such as biogas, to achieve our aggressive climate reduction commitments. We would be happy to meet with any of the Committee members to further elaborate and discuss our remarks should you wish to.

Sincerely,

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