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Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhoods Committee
Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring St. Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 15-0002-S124

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Los Angeles City Council's Resolution of support for an amendment to S. 2012 (Boxer/Feinstein), which directs United States Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz to conduct a federal review of the causes and response to the natural gas leak at the Aliso Canyon storage facility.

Since a natural gas leak was discovered at the Aliso Canyon storage facility in October 2015, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) has worked closely with its allied public safety agencies to formulate emergency planning scenarios. While the storage facility sits within Los Angeles County, the LAFD has worked closely with Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilmember Mitchell Englander and all relevant City departments toward the continued public safety of the community of Porter Ranch and beyond.

The LAFD has devoted hours of staff time, resources and other valuable commodities for emergency planning and strongly support any efforts to study the causes of the gas leak and ensure it does not happen again. We stand in strong support of the amendment to S. 2012 and the City's Resolution to include in its Federal Legislation Program support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

RALPH M. TERRAZAS
Fire Chief