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*Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee Written Testimony
Support Bill SB2107*

Dear Chairman Birdwell and Members of the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee,

The business community in Texas appreciates how you and your colleagues are working to ensure Texas is the best place to do business while ensuring we have abundant natural resources.

Texas is the #1 energy provider in the United States. Energy is at the core of every issue – supply chain, national security, transportation, infrastructure, and more. TAB advocates for an all-the-above energy strategy to promote economic growth, increase our workforce, and enhance our energy security and independence.

Carbon capture and storage is a trillion dollar industry that is booming. According to the Global CCS Institute, in 2022 alone, CCS projects grew by 44 percent. Carbon capture and storage continues to make headlines across the nation with historic capital investments. There's a reason why multiple states have already laid the regulatory groundwork to support these types of projects. Texas carbon capture and storage projects need support from the legislature to ensure success. SB2107 provides this support through regulatory framework necessary to execute these projects. **On behalf of over 1,500 companies and 200 chambers of commerce, the Texas Association of Business strongly supports SB2107.**

Carbon capture and storage projects increases economic development for areas across the state, creates lasting jobs, and reduces emissions. Investment in carbon capture and storage will lead to permanent, well-paying jobs. In fact, according to a study conducted by the Rhodium Group, over 100,000 jobs will be created from these projects, with additional jobs created as capital investment increases. In Texas, over 18,000 jobs will be created for construction and infrastructure, while an additional 9,000 will be created for ongoing operations. These projects will also provide over \$60 billion in private investments, which will directly impact small businesses and strengthen rural communities where CCS projects are located. These investments will continue to boost the Texas economy for years to come.

Texas has the ideal infrastructure, geological formations, and industry expertise necessary to be a leader in the carbon capture and storage space. SB2107 provides this support through regulatory framework necessary to execute these projects.

TAB greatly appreciates Senator Nichols for authoring this bill as well as Chairman Birdwell and the Committee for considering the need for regulatory framework surrounding carbon capture and storage. TAB will continue to prioritize all the above energy and is available as a resource to the Committee whenever needed.

Sincerely,

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