



The John T. Lyle Center
for Regenerative Studies

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To whom it may concern:

This letter attests to the innovativeness of the work by the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona on its *Biomethane Initiative and Summit*. In 2011, the Center initiated an ambitious outreach effort to expand the use of renewable natural gas in the State of California. At that time, electricity generation from landfill biomethane was common in California, but restricted due to state law that prohibited the transport of landfill biomethane in the natural gas pipeline system. Several faculty and students examined this situation and concluded that the state should reconsider this prohibition, in light of emerging technologies and practices across other states in a global gas supply system. In order to educate policy-makers, the University hosted a Biomethane Summit at the Lyle Center, which included well over 100 participants, including Federal, State, and Local elected officials, as well as major waste haulers, energy developers, and Cal Poly Pomona students and faculty. The agenda included discussions of biomethane technology, utilization, and innovative projects from around the country. Attendees were asked to consider current prohibitions on landfill gas in pipelines. In 2012, legislation was signed into law in California, which has initiated the introduction of purified landfill gas into pipelines. Participants in the Cal Poly Pomona Summit were involved in passing this legislation.

This initiative builds on the University's commitment to play a leadership role on climate change and sustainability issues. We have enjoyed widespread financial support for this effort from utilities, energy developers, the waste industry, and technology companies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Brown'.

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