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## **Bi-Partisan Legislative Delegation to Tour Denmark**

### *California Leaders to Examine Offshore Wind, Low Carbon Farming, Waste-to-Energy, Carbon Sequestration*

SACRAMENTO - Set to depart today, a delegation of California leaders led by State Senator Anna Caballero (D - Merced), Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee, will travel to Denmark to learn about innovations in offshore wind energy, carbon-neutral farming, bioenergy, and carbon sequestration.

Like the state of California, the nation of Denmark is a global leader in the transition to renewable energy and climate-smart policies. By studying Denmark's latest technologies and best practices, California leaders can learn about its strategies to reduce carbon emissions while building up its economy.

The research tour is organized by the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy (CFEE). No taxpayer funds are used.

"California has long been a leader in the fight against climate change," said Delegation Chair Caballero. "As we continue to lead the way, we can deliver for our state faster and at lower costs by learning from the successes of others. Denmark has made great strides in reducing its carbon footprint, and we can benefit greatly from their knowledge and experience."

The CFEE Delegation will see firsthand offshore wind farms – such as the Anholt Offshore Wind Farm, one of the largest in the world – and hold discussions focused on regulatory efficiency, electricity grid and port infrastructure, and workforce development.

Denmark is also home to the world's largest carbon sequestration facility, Project Greensand, and a remarkable "District Heating" facility capable of both heating and cooling most businesses in the capital city of Copenhagen. CFEE will visit and learn about these two global models for lowering CO2.

Carbon-neutral farming is another area where Denmark has made significant progress. The Delegation will visit farms, research institutions, and bio-gas facilities to explore how the greenhouse gas-intensive farming sector is decreasing emissions and improving water efficiency,

while still promoting food security and industry competitiveness – crucial issues for an agricultural leader like California.

“Like Denmark, California has both abundant renewable energy that can power direct carbon capture and the right geology to store carbon dioxide underground permanently,” said Sen. Caballero. “Moreover, examining Northern Europe’s carbon sequestration efforts in the North Sea can help California determine how carbon capture and sequestration will be part of California’s carbon neutrality pathway.”

Jay Hansen, President and CEO of CFEE, noted, “As California mobilizes to secure a carbon-neutral future, we know business-as-usual planning, permitting, and building is not keeping pace. We risk falling short of California’s stated ambitions and evolving needs. I am excited to bring California’s leaders to see for themselves Danish best practices that can help lay out the blueprint for reaching our state’s goals on energy and climate.”

The CFEE Delegation’s trip to Denmark will take place April 1-7. In addition to industry, labor and environmental leaders, the Delegation includes Senators Caballero, Bill Dodd, Maria Elena Durazo, Susan Eggman, John Laird, and Monique Limon, along with Assemblymembers Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Heath Flora, Mike Fong, and Cottie Petrie-Norris.

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