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Honorable Bob Blumenfield  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2135 (Blumenfield) Support**

Dear Assemblymember Blumenfield:

DRA (Division of Ratepayer Advocates) is an independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). DRA's statutory mandate is to obtain the lowest possible rate for utility service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. DRA also advocates for customer and environmental protections in connection with utility service.

DRA supports your AB 2135, which would authorize the California Building Standards Commission, as specified, to adopt building standards for solar distributed generation technology (DG) on residential and commercial property.

DRA supports cost-effective DG. AB 2135 would promote cost-effective DG by simplifying the timely and costly permitting process. As a result, California would benefit because this bill supports the achievement of the State's renewable goals, and customers who wish to invest in DG technology would benefit from a more efficient process and lower monthly energy bills.

DRA supports AB 2135 and looks forward to working with you to ensure this important bill is enacted into law.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call DRA's Legislative Advisor Rebecca Tsai-Wei Lee, at (916) 327-1407 or me at (415) 703- 2381.

Respectfully,

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By  
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