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Honorable Jean Fuller
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3063
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1207 (Fuller) – Support

Dear Senator Fuller:

DRA (Division of Ratepayer Advocates) is the independent consumer advocate at 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 SB 1207, as amended on May 25, 2012, which would focus on ensuring the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) discount program benefits apply to only those customers who meet the program eligibility requirements. The bill would also require that high-usage CARE customers take advantage of energy efficiency services through the State's Energy Savings Assistance Program.

DRA supports verification of program eligibility for customers who use large amounts of electricity or gas to receive the CARE discount and assisting them in lowering their usage through energy efficiency measures.

DRA looks forward to working with you to help enact SB 1207 into law.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call DRA's Legislative Director, Matthew Marcus, at (916) 327- 3455 or me at (415) 703-2381.

Respectfully,

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By Matthew Marcus
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