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Honorable Steven Bradford  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1274 (Bradford) – Support**

Dear Assembly member Bradford:

DRA (Division of Ratepayer Advocates) is the 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 1274, which would require the CPUC to establish communications standards and protocols for home area network (HAN) devices that communicate energy consumption data to the investor-owned utilities through the SmartMeter network.

DRA supports your bill's efforts to better protect energy customer's private usage data transmitted to HAN devices. AB 1274 would protect energy customers against unwarranted privacy breaches and would provide them with important and necessary education on cybersecurity standards. DRA looks forward to working with you on this bill.

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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