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

RE: AB 270 (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 270, which would require the CPUC to direct investor-owned electric and gas utilities to cooperate in establishing a public website with ratepayer funded energy efficiency program information, as specified. The bill would also require the CPUC to report to the Legislature on efforts to identify and eliminate program duplication.

DRA supports your efforts to create a public clearinghouse of energy efficiency program information, such as program costs, progress, and performance statistics. This will better position the State to improve state-wide coordination, transparency and accountability of ratepayer-funded energy efficiency programs. AB 270 would also help ensure ratepayer funding is used most prudently consistent with public benefits while hopefully minimizing the costs that are collected from customers. We look forward to working with you to ensure this 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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