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Honorable Kevin de León
Honorable Mark Leno
California State Senate
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 350 (de León/Leno) – Support

Dear Senator de León and Senator Leno:

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

ORA supports your SB 350 which would advance California's landmark effort to protect the environment and the health and safety of Californians by establishing important clean energy goals for 2030 and beyond. SB 350 would help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by raising the current Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) from 33 to 50 percent by 2030, and increase the energy efficiency of existing building stock to reduce the need for fossil-fueled generation facilities. The bill would also recognize the need to balance the state's clean climate goals with the need to protect energy customers from disproportionate rate impacts by requiring a limitation on procurement costs that may result from complying with the 50 percent RPS goal.

We look forward to working with you on setting achievable and measureable standards to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions in the most cost-effective manner possible.

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

Respectfully,

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