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Honorable Das Williams
Honorable Anthony Rendon
California State Assembly
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 645 (Williams, Rendon) – Support

Dear Assemblymembers Williams and Rendon:

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 AB 645, which would advance California's historic efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the electricity sector by establishing important renewable energy goals for 2030. AB 645 would help reduce GHG emissions by raising the current Renewable Portfolio Standard from 33 to 50 percent by 2030, and by specifying interim targets to be met between years 2020 and 2030.

We look forward to working with you on setting achievable and measureable standards to reduce the State's GHG 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,

Joseph P. Como, Acting Director
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