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Honorable Fran Pavley
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 886 (Pavley) – Support

Dear Senator Pavley:

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 SB 886, as amended on May 31, 2016, which would among other things, require the CPUC to determine by January 1, 2018, energy storage system procurement targets, if any, for each load-serving entity to be achieved by December 31, 2030.

SB 886 would promote energy storage systems that would help California better rely on clean renewable resources to maintain a reliable electric grid. ORA strongly supports this goal because it advances our State's landmark renewable portfolio standard, energy independence, and improved air quality.

ORA supports SB 886, and looks forward to working with you to have this bill signed into law. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call ORA's Interim Deputy Director, Matthew Marcus at 916-327-3455, or me at 415-703-2381.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Echols, Director
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