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Honorable Kevin de León  
Honorable Das Williams  
California State Senate  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: SB 1453 (de León, Williams) – Support**

Dear President de León and Assemblymember Williams:

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 1453 which would prohibit the CPUC from allowing an investor-owned utility (IOU) from recovering from their customers the cost of any capital expenditure for baseload generation that does not comply with California's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions performance standard, as specified.

SB 1453 would advance our clean energy future and protect Californians by not allowing the IOU's to invest ratepayer monies in baseload power plants that do not meet the state's GHG emissions performance standard. ORA supports efforts to promote cost-effective investments in clean energy technologies consistent with this landmark standard.

ORA supports SB 1453, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Echols". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Echols, Director  
Office of Ratepayer Advocates