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Honorable Sam Blakeslee
State Capitol, Room 4117
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 578 (Blakeslee) Support

Dear Assemblymember Blakeslee:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) supports your AB 578, which would require the California Energy Commission to study and submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor on the impacts of renewable energy generation on the state's distribution and transmission grid.

AB 578 would identify key issues related to grid reliability and operation. By studying the generation of renewable energy resources on our distribution and transmission grid, we can identify additional ways to meet our global greenhouse gas targets, protect consumers from unstable energy and gas prices and shortages, promote greater energy independence and generate more clean and efficient energy.

DRA supports your bill's efforts to help meet our long-term resource needs and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director
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