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## **Achieving SB100 Goals**

I am an environmental attorney residing in Santa Rosa. I have been deeply engaged in learning about and influencing climate policy. It is my best understanding that Carbon Capture and Sequestration technology is expensive and mostly ineffective, seldom achieving the claimed levels of carbon capture, often resulting in transmission leaks and captured carbon used for enhanced oil recovery. CCS should not be included in calculating the State's carbon emissions. A truly clean and accurately evaluated energy system should include only non emitting technologies, such as solar, wind and geothermal.

The plan for achieving the State's clean energy goals should include retiring all gas powered plants. The Combustion Retirement Scenario should include all non-polluting resources, including offshore wind and geothermal. These critical resources are missing from the analysis.

The State's plan should maximize Distributed Energy Resources (DERs), including rooftop solar and storage, demand response, and energy efficiency.

I am very pleased with how the state has been expanding battery storage capacity and I encourage you to incentivize battery storage as a long duration energy storage tool, rather than hydrogen. I am very concerned about increased electric load due to data centers coming to California.

I am grateful to the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, and the California Air Resources Board for working on this plan and helping California move towards 100% clean energy. I look forward to continuing to be engaged. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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