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**Comments on the Proposed Reallocation of \$45,058,246 to
the Emerging Renewables Program**

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Honorable Commissioners and CEC Renewable Energy Program Staff:

Thank you for providing this opportunity to offer input on the proposed reallocation of Renewable Energy Program funds to the Emerging Renewables Program (ERP).

AWEA and the small wind turbine manufacturers and retailers are appreciative of the market stimulation provided by the rebate program, particularly following the restoration of rebate levels earlier this year. We also appreciate the continuation of the rebate levels in the latest ERP Guidebook. We have seen stronger sales and are starting to build market momentum back up, particularly in San Bernardino County.

This momentum will not continue if the ERP funds are consumed prior to transfer of the solar program to the new funding to be generated by the California Solar Initiative. Therefore, we support this reallocation of funds

Respectfully submitted,

