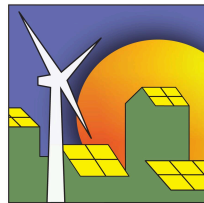


<b>DOCKETED</b>	
<b>Docket Number:</b>	22-DECARB-03
<b>Project Title:</b>	Equitable Building Decarbonization Program
<b>TN #:</b>	259997
<b>Document Title:</b>	Joint Letter - APEN, BEI, BDC, et al Comments - Support for EBD Direct Install Program
<b>Description:</b>	N/A
<b>Filer:</b>	System
<b>Organization:</b>	Joint Letter - APEN, BEI, BDC, et al
<b>Submitter Role:</b>	Public
<b>Submission Date:</b>	11/13/2024 8:54:48 AM
<b>Docketed Date:</b>	11/13/2024

*Comment Received From: Joint Letter - APEN, BEI, BDC, et al*  
*Submitted On: 11/13/2024*  
*Docket Number: 22-DECARB-03*

**Joint Letter - APEN, BEI, BDC, et al - Support for EBD Direct Install Program**

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



**Comments of Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Building Electrification Institute, Building Decarbonization Coalition, California Green New Deal Coalition, the Greenlining Institute, Local Clean Energy Alliance, PSR-LA, Rewiring America, Rising Sun, RMI, Sierra Club, SPUR, and Strategic Actions for a Just Economy on the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program**

November 13, 2024

The signatories write to express support as the California Energy Commission (CEC) selects regional administrators for the [Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install \(EBD\) Program](#). At this important milestone, we applaud the CEC's commitment to this essential program.

The EBD Program is a first-of-its-kind initiative that is crucial to achieving California's climate, equity, and public health goals. By providing whole-home retrofits for low-income Californians, the EBD Program will improve indoor air quality, health, comfort, and energy affordability, all while reducing carbon emissions from residential buildings.

As California strives to meet its goals of [3 million climate-ready, climate-friendly homes and 6 million heat pumps by 2030](#), the EBD Program fills a critical gap for low-income households. The EBD Program is designed to address barriers that commonly prevent low-income Californians from accessing much-needed home retrofits. Unlike mail-in rebates or tax incentives, the Direct Install approach ensures that upfront cost is not an obstacle. Further, the EBD Program provides for truly holistic retrofits by funding remediation of health and safety issues. Finally, the EBD Program incorporates tenant protections, engagement with community-based organizations, and labor standards to mitigate unintended impacts.

With state leadership to advance equity and environmental justice now more important than ever, advocates and state leaders must jointly commit to protecting funding for equitable decarbonization. As experts and advocates who have been involved with the EBD Program since its inception, we commend the CEC's commitment to the EBD Program, applaud the selection of regional administrators, and remain ready to assist with implementation. We encourage the CEC and regional administrators to view us as partners and resources, and we welcome the opportunity to continue supporting this program.

Sincerely,

Elle Chen  
Legislative Director  
Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Julia Hatton  
President & CEO  
Rising Sun

Fatima Abdul-Khabir  
Senior Program Manager of Energy Equity  
The Greenlining Institute

Edgar Barraza  
Energy Equity Policy Coordinator  
PSR-LA

Beckie Menten  
California Director  
Building Decarbonization Coalition

Charlotte Matthews  
Managing Director  
RMI

Sam Fishman  
Sustainability & Resilience Policy Manager  
SPUR

Cynthia Strathmann  
Executive Director  
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

Jenna Tatum  
Executive Director  
Building Electrification Institute

Rebecca Curry  
Senior Policy Manager, Western Region  
Rewiring America

Gabriela Facio  
Senior Policy Strategist  
Sierra Club

Zach Lou  
Coalition Director  
California Green New Deal Coalition

Jessica Guadalupe Tovar  
Executive Director  
Local Clean Energy Alliance