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Commissioner McAllister
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Regarding: Docket No. 14-AAER-2, Computers, Monitors and Signage Displays
Efficiency Standards**

Dear Commissioner McAllister,

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) would like to thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on this rulemaking on new energy efficiency standards for computers and monitors.

ABAG was created by local governments to meet their planning and research needs related to land use, environmental and water protection, disaster resilience, and energy efficiency, in addition to other significant regional goals and concerns. As the comprehensive regional planning agency and Council of Governments for the nine counties and 101 cities and towns of the San Francisco Bay Region, we support the proposed energy efficiency standards for computers and monitors.

ABAG advocates for increased quality of life within the region and the State, and as a large purchaser of computers and monitors, we as well as California residents stand to benefit from widespread availability of energy-efficient models. The proposed standards will help to reduce operational costs, energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions and are readily achievable using off-the-shelf, cost effective technologies.

Environmental sustainability is a core value at ABAG, as demonstrated by our service programs such as the Resilience Program and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN). We strongly support cost-effective policies to reduce unnecessary energy use in society.

We commend the commission for pursuing these computer and monitor energy efficiency standards, and we encourage the commission to finalize and implement the standards as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald L. Lahr", is written over the typed name.

Gerald L. Lahr
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Association of Bay Area Governments

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