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Dear CEC ~

It is understood that you are considering removing HERS Raters from the process of certifying PV Solar installations (Ref Subj Docket; **Docket #17-BSTD-02**). It is unclear why you are considering this change, other than the NSHP program is likely coming to an end.

I vigorously oppose such a move. Having worked in the NSHP program with a number of property owners and PV Solar installers, my involvement with such certification has produced both expected outcomes but also unforeseen results. This based upon perhaps 100 tests performed.

First of all, most installers still have no idea about verifying the output of the systems they install - NSHP notwithstanding. This is a vital service for them, the property owner, the industry, and I presume the State.

Second, we discover not only typical mistakes like output not matching that promised, but have also discovered discrepancies and even safety issues.

Third, as was envisioned from the beginning, owners and lessees of such installed systems invariably appreciate having an independent 3rd party evaluate their system.

Thank you & best regards,

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