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I'm writing in response to the California Energy Commission's consideration of feed-in tariffs for renewable energy resources in the production of electricity. I urge the commission to recommend adoption immediately. This is the time for California to take the lead (if not already too late) in charting a course for energy independence. The reasons for feed-in tariffs are:

- the negative impact of oil prices on the California (and the US) economic growth and employment,
- the link between oil, peace and security throughout the world,
- the great potential to use California's own clean renewable energy resources in place of oil,
- the threat of climate change resulting from the extensive burning of fossil fuels.

The current economic crisis facing our country is a good example of ignoring our problem and waiting too late to do anything about it. The current RPS shows little real effort in solving any of the above and will be insufficient to meet the state's climate change and energy needs in the long term. I encourage a comprehensive policy that includes all renewable resources of all sizes and should include:

- no project size caps
- no technology caps,
- no program limit within the ultimate RPS target,
- different tariffs based on cost of generation plus reasonable profit, reviewed after the first five years,
- adjusted for inflation,
- 20-year contracts open to all, and once again,
- immediate implementation.

There are plenty of successful examples of feed-in tariffs around the world that preclude the need for pilot programs. Feed-in tariffs have been shown to be the single policy mechanism that puts more renewable energy generation in production, in a more equitable fashion, and at lower cost than any other policy.

I hope that this brief summary of my beliefs will capture your attention and help you make a recommendation to adopt feed-in tariffs.

Sincerely,

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