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RE: PAPER FILE OF EMAIL COMMENTS TO CEC SEP GUIDELINES

To Whom It May Concern:

Overall, we thank you for your vision and hard work in developing these guidelines and we agree with your approaches and three focus areas.

We are particularly supportive of your commitment to efficiency first in all these programs, as all research shows efficiency is the most cost-effective way to reduce GHG emissions as well as create the most long-term, sustainable jobs.

Specifically, we encourage you to maintain your current guidelines related to:

1) AB 811: Efficiency first. We agree that it is critical to address the building envelope before considering energy production. We are glad to hear the CEC is interested in enforcing the state-adopted loading order in funding AB 811-type financing programs.

2) Whole-house retrofit programs: Again, we agree with your three-tiered approach and look forward to developing innovative proposals to tackle this issue one-step at a time understanding that it will take time to develop the work force and homeowner awareness -- as well as the right financing tools -- to make this program scalable and successful.

Thank you for your dedication to a sustainable energy future and we look forward to working with you.

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