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California Energy Commission

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Chair California Energy Commission Robert Weisenmiller

Dear Chair California Energy Commission Weisenmiller,

I support the petition submitted on June 5, 2013 by the Sierra Club, American Lung Association in California and other parties requesting that the California Energy Commission (CEC) perform a societal cost-benefit evaluation of California's Net Energy Metering Program.

Rooftop solar generates huge benefits for Californians such as myself.

Thanks to policies like net metering, schools are saving money, the air is cleaner, and tens of thousands of Californians have headed back to work.

Rooftop solar plays a critical role in reducing the need for dirty natural gas peaker plants and is an important way for individuals to help fight climate change.

These and other societal benefits should be quantified for consideration by policymakers. In the absence of a comprehensive analysis like the one proposed to the CEC, it will be challenging to have a fair debate about the best way to increase the use of rooftop solar.

I respectfully request that you grant the petition and perform the societal cost-benefit study requested by the petitioners.

We have had solar panels on our roof for nearly 10 years. The local generation of solar electricity in urban areas can end the need for dirty electric plants to cover peak summer usage. And local generation delivers a lot more electricity that is lost in transporting it over hundreds of miles of high tension wires. It's good in so many ways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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