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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.

In this time of low interest rates a \$20,000 investment in the bank will get you less than \$200 / year in interest. However that same amount invested in rooftop solar can offset a \$200 /mo electric bill.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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