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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.

As a home owner who converted my home to fully solar electricity tied to the grid - and having fully canceled my gas service, once I also installed a solar water heater - in 2005, I am an avid supporter of solar roofs. If Portugal and Germany can produce about 70% of their electricity on solar, so can we in the US. We are a country that is blessed by the Sun's rays from coast to coast. Our millions of roofs could potentially power all our needs. We need the CEC to step up and make a forward move to ensure that we can continue to grow our sustainable energy capabilities, while reducing fossil fuel dependence.

The future is here, we cannot allow fear to reign in this country of innovation and visionary inventions. The time is now for solar and other truly clean sustainable resources.

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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