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Hon. Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 64 (Wieckowski)—SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez-Fletcher,

On behalf of the Center for Climate Protection (Center) and its thousands of supporters statewide, I write in support of SB 64. SB 64 will require local air districts to set air permit limits for fossil gas electricity generating facilities to ensure that ambient air quality standards are met. SB 64 aligns with the Center's mission to reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) everywhere as measures that reduce ambient air emissions at such facilities also reduce GHGs.

We are especially pleased that SB 64 includes a provision that will require a plan for how to start phasing out fossil gas in an orderly way. The Center has been a strong proponent of Community Choice Energy since 2005 and we see Community Choice agencies (CCAs) as the best vehicle for accelerating renewable energy deployment. Thirty combined years of CCA operation is bearing this out.

As California increases its renewable energy portfolio, the State will not need as much fossil gas generation. There is currently no comprehensive plan for how to reduce reliance on fossil gas facilities over time. This bill requires the CPUC and the CEC to start putting together a plan with input from the ARB and CAISO regarding how to reduce fossil gas usage and prioritize the retirement of facilities most impacting air quality.

Again, we support SB 64 and urge your support and a yes vote. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 707-525-1665.

Sincerely,



Ann Hancock, Executive Director