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Senator Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: SB 288 (Wiener/Nielsen) - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Hueso,

On behalf of the Center for Climate Protection (Center) and its Solar Sonoma County program, I am writing in support of Senate Bill (SB) 288 (Wiener/Nielsen), the Solar Bill of Rights. SB 288 defends the fundamental rights of Californians to generate and store clean energy onsite without unnecessary obstruction, interference, or delay.

The Center represents thousands of supporters and program collaborators throughout California. Our combined participants and/or subscribers among our several programs and newsletters add up to nearly 10,000 individuals. Through our Solar Sonoma County program we engage local vendors in collaborative forums on issues of importance to them, and assist Sonoma and Mendocino County residents and businesses in going solar.

When Californians choose to install solar, energy storage and other clean distributed energy options at their place of residence or business, they are helping to reduce harmful pollution and build a more resilient electric grid for all of us. Poll after poll shows the majority of California voters want more local solar power. SB 288 would remove obstacles and barriers that threaten the growth of solar and energy storage.

As wildfires and other climate-related disasters become more frequent and destructive, California must develop an electricity system that is more reliable, resilient, and safe. Decentralized solar combined with storage and other clean energy technologies are an important part of this cleaner and more reliable energy economy of the future. By reducing greenhouse gases and co-pollutants, and giving customers a way to keep the lights on when the grid goes down, such a system addresses both climate mitigation and adaptation.

The Solar Bill of Rights will ensure that California families, schools, businesses and others have the right to:

- Make, store, and use clean energy on their own property without interference from the utility;
- Connect clean energy technologies to the grid quickly without utility red tape;

- Be free from discriminatory fees and charges associated with installing onsite clean energy technologies;
- Increase the reliability and resiliency of the State's electric grid.

Please vote in support of SB 288.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Hancock", written in a cursive style.

Ann Hancock,  
Executive Director

cc: Members of Senate Energy Committee

