



March 24, 2020

The Honorable Bill Dodd  
California State Senate  
Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA

**Re: SB 1314 – Community Energy Resilience Act -- SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Dodd,

The organizations listed as signatories to this letter support your legislation, [SB 1314](#), which requires the Strategic Growth Council to create, with technical assistance from the California Energy Commission, a new grant program to help local governments create clean energy Community Energy Resilience Plans. Absent state investment in community energy planning, public investment in energy resilience will likely continue to focus on installing new fossil-fuel powered generators – which endangers public health and safety, and is contrary to California’s GHG emissions reduction goals.

When enacted, SB 1314 will align energy resilience goals with other state public policy goals, prioritizing enhanced resilience for low-income communities suffering disproportionately from power outages. It will also create a desperately needed community-based planning framework as California embarks on spending billions of dollars to prepare for future power outages caused by climate change and equipment failures.

Thank you for your leadership in introducing SB 1314.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications  
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water