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July 2, 2018

The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Rm. 219
Sacramento, CA 95814
VIA FAX: (916) 319-2163

RE: Notice of SUPPORT for SB 100 (de León) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dear Speaker Rendon,

On behalf of the City Council and community of Arcata, I am writing to document our support for Senate Bill 100, and request your vote to pass this important legislation. Senate Bill 100 sets a visionary goal of supplying all end-use electricity needs with zero-carbon resources by 2045. Transitioning California away from fossil fuels to clean and renewable sources of electricity will make our cities and our state stronger, healthier, and more resilient. Expanding California's commitment to clean energy through Senate Bill 100 will create jobs and new business opportunities while helping our state become a more equitable society where everyone has opportunity in a thriving local economy.

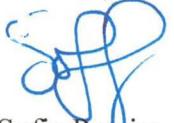
SB 100 will increase the renewable portfolio standard (RPS) goal to 60 percent by 2030. This achievable goal will provide the necessary market signal for additional clean energy investments in California and ensure that job growth continues in the state's leading green economy. We know firsthand that ambitious state clean energy policies help create local jobs that pay livable wages.

The City of Arcata has made significant commitments and progress toward clean energy by leading local efforts in research and support of Community Choice Energy which now provides 100% renewable energy for all City operations, and implementing our own local Greenhouse Reduction Action Plan. Local efforts though this plan include the passage of an excessive electricity use tax. This tax reduced excessive residential electricity from over 1200 meters down to less than 40. Additional efforts have been made towards the installation of solar, energy efficient lighting, Low Impact Development features, fuel switching towards electricity for HVAC, improved bussing and non-motorized transportation corridors to name a few.

Nearly 200 nations have agreed that the world must achieve 100 percent renewable energy by the end of this century. As the U.S. federal government cedes global leadership in addressing the threat of climate change, action by state and local government is more important than ever. By further accelerating and expanding California's clean energy targets, SB 100 will help position the state to achieve its economy-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. We believe it is important to recognize that tackling climate change is one of America's greatest economic opportunities of the 21st century. It is also a moral responsibility we have to Californians, particularly those who are already most threatened by the impacts of fossil fuels.

California has become a world leader on clean energy investment and adoption. SB 100 provides an ambitious, yet achievable, roadmap to move us forward. We urge you to vote in support of Senate Bill 100.

Sincerely,



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Arcata, CA

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