



April 21, 2015

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair  
Committee on Environmental Quality  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 2205  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
**Fax: (916) 322-3519**

**Re: Senate Bill 350 (De León) – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

On behalf of the Center for Sustainable Energy<sup>®</sup> (CSE), I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 350.

CSE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, mission-driven organization whose goals are to transform and advance the market for clean and sustainable energy. We are focused on delivering a wide range of sustainable energy market advancement efforts in renewable energy, distributed energy resources (DERs) including distributed generation and energy storage, clean transportation, and energy efficiency and building performance.

SB 350, as currently written, would further transform and advance the market for clean and sustainable energy, requiring:

- at least 50% of electricity generated per year to be from eligible renewable energy resources for the purposes of the RPS program by December 31, 2030;
- a 50% reduction in petroleum use in the transportation sector, including motor vehicle petroleum use, by January 1, 2030; and
- the doubling of energy efficiency in California's existing residential and nonresidential building stock by January 1, 2030.

Given our mission and focus areas, we are supportive of all of these goals. Moreover, we would encourage efforts to include, as part of this mandate, specific goals for DERs including distributed generation and energy storage, both within and in addition to the RPS. CSE also encourages additional steps to include disadvantaged and low-income communities across the state in the new clean energy economy, as this is a key factor in making these changes equitable and sustainable.

CSE strongly urges you to vote yes on SB 350.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sachu Constantine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sachu Constantine  
Director of Policy  
Center for Sustainable Energy®

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