

April 13, 2015

The Honorable Ben Hueso, Chair Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee California State Senate State Capitol, Room 4035 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: Senate Bill 765 (Wolk) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Hueso:

On behalf of the Center for Sustainable Energy® (CSE), I write in support of Senate Bill (SB) 765.

The creation of a dedicated, statewide Market Transformation Administrator, the CalMTA, positions California to unlock the deeper, cost-effective energy savings that are necessary to realize Governor Brown's goal to double energy efficiency savings by 2030. The CalMTA will leverage the scale of the world's seventh largest economy to accelerate the uptake of efficient equipment, target code shortfalls, and advance adoption of building best practices. These activities will be undertaken in close coordination with the existing energy efficiency activities overseen by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) to ensure the California ratepayers benefit from a balanced portfolio of short-term resource acquisition and long-term market transformation energy efficiency strategies.

CSE strongly urges you to vote yes on SB 765 to ensure that California benefits from increased cost-effective, sustained energy efficiency savings that would be created by the CalMTA.

Sincerely,

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Center for Sustainable Energy

cc: Senator Ben Hueso (Chair)

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