

Business Sample Letter – No on AB 2145
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RE: Assembly Bill 2145 (Bradford) OPPOSE

Dear CA State Legislature and Governor Brown:

We call on the California State Legislature to reject Assembly Bill (AB) 2145. If enacted Assembly Bill 2145 will:

- Reduce competition
- Limit local energy choice
- Thwart California's environmental goals
- Infringe on local government decision-making power
- Violate the original intent of the Community Choice energy law, AB 117
- Diminish local communities' ability to create local clean energy jobs
- Destroy the future of Community Choice energy in California.

AB 2145 will change the rules making it impossible to establish viable Community Choice energy programs. It will consign California to a future of monopoly-controlled energy.

To date, monopoly utility providers have dominated the industry, leaving little to no opportunity for smaller market entrants. The opt-out structure in this rare case makes sense and an opt-in requirement will keep the undesirable monopoly status quo in place – no consumer choice, less market innovation, and fewer opportunities to achieve aggressive greenhouse reduction targets.

Our business recognizes the potential benefits from Community Choice energy programs:

- Business opportunities for growth where more rooftops, parking lots, and other under-utilized spaces are transformed into assets that generate electricity and revenue as surplus power is sold into the grid;
- Overall community economic gain including job creation by keeping the millions of dollars of electricity payments now leaving Sonoma County in the County, stimulating the local economy and creating much needed jobs, especially for building trades.
- Competitive, stable energy costs by incentivizing customers with a customized, integrated suite of locally-tailored products and services.

Also, Community Choice energy is one of the most powerful solutions available to local governments to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. AB 2145 represents a backwards step for California's leadership on climate protection.

As a California business interested in having a choice about our electricity service, we voice our strong opposition to this anti-competition, anti-consumer, and anti-business bill. By voting against it, you will protect the interests of California consumers and the right of local businesses to make their own choice about their electricity service. Please vote NO on AB 2145.

Respectfully,
[Name of Business]