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Honorable Patrick O'Donnell
Chair, Assembly Education Committee
Capitol Office, Room 4001
P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0070;

Subject: SUPPORT – AB 3021

Dear Assemblymember O'Donnell,

On behalf of The Climate Center, I write in strong support of Assembly Bill 3021.

The Climate Center is a California nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 2001 with a mission to deliver rapid greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions at scale, starting in California. The Climate Center represents thousands of supporters and program collaborators as well as energy businesses in California. Our combined participants and/or subscribers comprise nearly 10,000 individuals.

The Climate Center supports AB 3021 as it aligns with our efforts to advance localized, clean, safe, and resilient energy systems in California. AB 3021 will appropriate \$300M (from the State's General Fund) in each of the coming three fiscal years to the California Energy Commission (CEC) to administer a program that will provide resiliency grant funding and technical assistance to local educational agencies for the installation of energy storage systems.

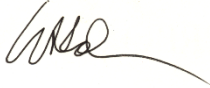
Readily dispatchable energy storage is the key to building resilience into decentralized energy systems that rely on ever increasing amounts of clean but variable energy resources such as solar and wind in the power mix.

On March 13, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-26-20, ensuring State funding for schools even in the event of their closure due to crises requiring that. The Order recognizes that schools are critical to the daily lives of Californians, but even more so in times of crisis. In fact, schools are essential critical facilities in times of crisis.

One example of the kind of service we are referring to, and one of the provisions in the Order, is providing meals to children and families. When the next wildfire and/or Public Safety Power Shut-off event comes, if schools can't operate because of the grid going down, this essential service will be unavailable. AB 3021 aims to ensure that schools can continue to function in these times of crisis.

We look forward to working with you, other members, and the bill author to enact this legislation as a significant part of the overall effort to ensure clean, safe, reliable, and affordable electricity service for every California community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ellie Cohen', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ellie Cohen,
Chief Executive Officer

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