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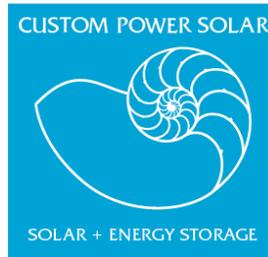
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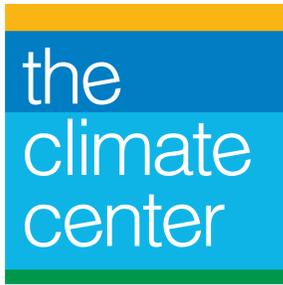


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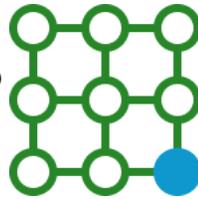
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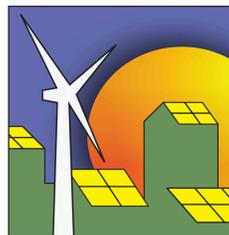


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March 28, 2024

To:

The Honorable Chair Petrie-Norris
Member of the California State Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT AB 3107 (Connolly) and OPPOSE AB 3111 (Calderon)

Dear Chair Petrie-Norris and Members of the Committee on Utilities and Energy,

We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, are writing in strong support for Assembly Bill (AB) 3107 (Connolly) and equally forceful opposition to AB 3111 (Calderon).

Microgrids represent a crucial opportunity to modernize California's energy system with localized clean energy solutions that enhance electric system reliability and community resilience. Microgrids can help lower costs and improve energy affordability for all by reducing the state's reliance on inefficient, costly power lines that have been at the heart of record-breaking wildfires, numerous power outages, and endless public safety threats plaguing residents and communities across the state of California.

AB 3107 will unlock opportunities to affordably and easily adopt innovative, community-scale clean energy solutions that advance our climate goals, create many local jobs, and ensure energy security locally. Public Utilities Code Section 218, also known as the "over the fence" rule, an antiquated law from the 1950's, that currently blocks our communities and constituents from sharing clean energy locally with their neighbors, hampering their ability to take advantage of economies of scale with microgrids that could be configured to cross rights of way and/or serve multiple customers.

AB 3107 will remove this longstanding policy barrier and explicitly allow any customers and communities to form microgrids that may connect multiple properties, with permission from local governments and guidance from the Energy Commission, to meet unique community energy needs. By exempting microgrids from the definition of an electric corporation, AB 3107 dissolves roadblocks like Public Utilities Code 218, an outdated rule that prioritizes monopoly utility interests over those of communities and taxpayers.

On the contrary, AB 3111 would require any "generating capacity above 100 kilowatts or a storage capacity above 80 kilowatthours" to be "an electrical corporation," which would mean that only CPUC-governed utilities could build an operate any DER over those limits. This will take our state even further away from achieving its climate goals. Its requirements are onerous, duplicative, and only serve one purpose – to cement utility monopoly interests

and make it even harder for your constituents to access local renewable energy, in contravention to California's climate action and environmental justice goals. AB 3111 will stop all progress in expanding frontline communities' access to clean, affordable, reliable power and limit their ability to develop locally owned projects that can build wealth and spur new investment in historically underserved areas.

For these reasons, we urge you to support AB 3107 and oppose AB 3111.

Thank you,

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