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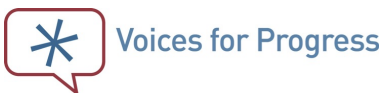
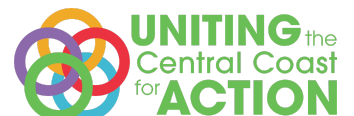
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June 24, 2024

Assembly Member Cottie Petrie-Norris  
Chair, Committee on Utilities and Energy  
1020 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 59 (Skinner) – SUPPORT as amended June 18th**

Dear Chair Petrie-Norris,

We are writing in support of SB 59, an urgent and important bill to address California's electricity affordability crisis.

SB 59 can enable California to address multiple challenges at once through harnessing the untapped battery storage capacity of electric vehicles (EVs). The electrification of transportation creates a once-in-a-generation opportunity for EVs to not only decarbonize transportation, but also keep the lights on during power outages, lower energy bills for Californians, and make our electricity system more reliable on a daily basis.

EVs capable of bidirectional charging can store abundant renewable energy when it is available and provide power back to the grid at peak times when it is most needed. Widespread adoption of bidirectional EVs will help California phase out fossil fuel-powered backup generators and reduce reliance on expensive polluting power plants, many of which are sited in low-income communities that already suffer the most from air pollution and power outages.

SB 59 charts a course towards future utilization of electric vehicles as foundational assets in building a more affordable, resilient, and reliable grid for the future.

Sincerely,

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