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The Honorable Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814
Subject: Support for SB 654 (Stern)

Dear Senator Caballero,

I am writing on the behalf of The Climate Center to request your "aye" vote when SB 654 is heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee. SB 654 would allow the California Environmental Protection Agency to enter into a new three-year contract for the continued administration of the Water-Energy Nexus Registry (WEN Registry) program.

The WEN Registry program provides stakeholders with the tools to track the relationship between water use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in their operations, and provides comprehensive consulting, training, and data collection support. Tracking this data helps participants manage emissions reductions, increase water efficiencies, achieve sustainability goals, and contribute to the state's climate goals.

Unlike most general GHG reporting protocols, the WEN Registry is specifically designed to measure, track, and mitigate GHG emissions associated with California's water systems. This program is critical to ensuring that our water infrastructure has the tools it needs to reduce emissions to meet state goals.

Sincerely,

Ellie Cohen, CEO
The Climate Center