



**RECLAIM OUR POWER!**  
Utility Justice Campaign



Honorable Petrie-Norris  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 8120  
Sacramento, CA 95814

June 18, 2025

**RE: SB 24 (McNerney) – The Climate Center – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris,

I am writing on behalf of The Climate Center and its thousands of supporters statewide to express support for your bill, SB 24 (McNerney), which would close legal loopholes and strengthen state law to prevent investor-owned utilities (IOUs) from using ratepayer funds to pay for political lobbying and campaigns, political advertising, and lobbying against local efforts to create a municipal utility.

The Climate Center is a nonprofit organization focused on climate and energy policy, working to reduce climate pollution at scale rapidly. We are a think-tank/do-tank working collaboratively for accelerated, equity-centered, labor-friendly climate policy in California. We know that as goes California, so goes the world. With the climate crisis rapidly worsening, we engage in cross-sector coalitions to enact bold, science-based policies that spark innovation and channel market forces for speed and scale in GHG reductions, benefiting everyone.

California residents face the nation's second-highest utility rates, nearly twice the national average. Meanwhile, investor-owned utilities like Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison have reported billions in profits. Six rate hikes in 2024 alone have directly fueled those soaring profits.

Earlier this year, PG&E requested another rate increase, this time to "adequately compensate investors," according to the company. Recent investigations have revealed that IOUs have spent millions of ratepayer dollars on political activities that seek to circumvent the state's climate and public health goals, rather than using those funds to provide service to their ratepayers.

**SB 24** will ensure ratepayer funds are spent responsibly to provide services, not on unnecessary advertisements and

political activities.

Thank you for your leadership in this important measure. We strongly urge your **"AYE"** vote on **SB 24**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EC', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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