



Dear Governor Newsom, Speaker Rivas, Pro Tem Limón, and members of the California Legislature:

We write in support of SB 492.

We also continue to **urge for action on wildfire reforms now** that will provide meaningful relief for electricity customers and provide durable support for wildfire prevention. While we stand in support of the measures in SB 492, **the state of California cannot stop here**. Comprehensive reforms are urgently needed to attain rate relief, including true wildfire liability reform and reduction in harm to communities through systemic investments in prevention.

If coupled with [SB 905 \(Becker\)](#), [SB 1098 \(Perez\)](#), [SB 886 \(Padilla\)](#), [AB 2383 \(Zbur\)](#) and [AB 2463 \(Petrie-Norris\)](#), this year's legislative reforms will provide a pathway for protecting electricity customers from even further rate increases by creating more controls on utility spending, and ensuring ratepayers are protected from electric bill increases resulting from data center development.

However, comprehensive reform to address utility wildfire liabilities through systemic investments in prevention are necessary to stabilize rising electricity bills and avoid the harmful consumer impacts of utility bankruptcy. We urge continued action on these reforms now. Action on utility wildfire liability is necessary to protect low-income inland households dependent on air conditioning, achieve the state's climate goals and reduce harmful air pollution.

We look forward to continuing our engagement with you to provide electricity rate relief to Californians.

Sincerely,

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