

September 17, 2009

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 14, AB 64 and AB 21 (RPS) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

We, the undersigned public interest groups, urge you to sign the package of renewable energy bills passed by the legislature last week and to reconsider your decision to veto the RPS bills and replace this effort with administrative action. SB 14, AB 64 and AB 21 meet the need to address climate change with new renewable energy sources in the Western U.S, while helping California's economy by expediting new renewable generation and transmission upgrades.

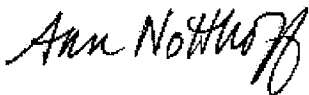
This legislation represents a compromise and consensus of clean energy advocates, environmentalists, utilities, renewable developers, labor, community and social justice organizations. It will produce nearly a three-fold increase in the amount of renewable generation for California consumers by 2020 compared to current levels. It will maintain California's leadership in energy policy and climate change and provide thousands of green jobs for California's struggling economy. It will benefit California consumers and enhance our energy security by reducing our dependency on fossil fuels.

These bills balance the need for flexible energy supplies with the California jobs and economic development that this investment will create. These bills do not ban importing green energy supplies from nearby states.

An Executive Order alone will not create long-term permanent market rules to attract investments and new renewable development. Implementation of a 33% RPS through regulation without legislative backing raises important legal issues that could increase uncertainty and whose resolution may delay implementation. This uncertainty will deter the investors needed for new projects in California.

We urge you to respect the legislative process that has worked many hours with all stakeholders to send RPS legislation to your desk with broad support by environmentalists, utilities, and energy industries. Please sign these landmark RPS bills into law and keep California in the forefront of the new clean energy economy.

Sincerely,



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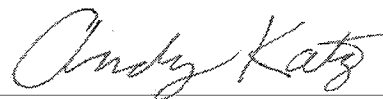
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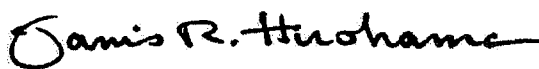
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