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The Honorable Rick Chavez Zbur

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**RE: AB 1181 – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Zbur,

The undersigned organizations are pleased to support of AB 1181, your bill that updates the Self-Generation Incentive Program to better provide energy storage to multi-tenant properties.

The Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) has been a hugely successful program to incorporate battery storage into the grid with over $800,000,000 to allocate across California. Integration of energy storage provides resiliency, increases reliability, and improves efficiency for the grid. It is a vital component of California mitigating the effects of climate change and becoming Net-Zero.

This program has set-asides that help target different populations of California. For example, there is the Equity Resiliency budget for customers that are subjected to power shut offs and in a high-fire threat district. Also, there is a Residential Equity budget for low-income housing.

The Residential Equity budget does not allocate funding as well as the other set-asides. As a comparison, the Equity Resiliency budget has allocated hundreds of millions of dollars with minimal rollover. However, the Residential Equity budget has allocated under 30 million dollars with millions of rollover funds.[[1]](#footnote-1)

AB 1181 is a targeted measure to help low-income housing access SGIP funds. It resolves technical issues so that the CPUC can effectively reach low-income households with energy storage installation. Low-income people are often the most affected by climate change through extreme heat, natural disasters, and power shutoffs. AB 1181 ensures that low-income households are not left behind as California looks toward a fossil-free future.

We thank Assemblymember Zbur for authoring this important measure and urge an “Aye” vote.

Thank you,

1. [Self-Generation Incentive Program Metrics](https://www.selfgenca.com/home/program_metrics/) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)