



California Wind Energy Association

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Honorable Skinner and Members
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 64
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1404—SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Skinner and Members of the Committee:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) supports AB 1404 by Assembly Members De Leon and M. Perez. CalWEA is a non-profit corporation supported by over 20 wind energy companies actively engaged in developing wind projects for California's growing renewable energy market.

AB 1404 establishes several quality control checks on the use of "offsets" for compliance with California's global warming policies. As importantly, the bill establishes a firm offsets limit that ensures that at least 90% of the global warming pollution reductions promised by AB 32 occur in sectors with high levels of global warming pollution, such as our state's electricity and transportation sectors. This will help stimulate markets for renewable energy and green collar jobs.

California's strong climate and energy policies can help to develop our state's clean tech economy in a way that will not only reduce statewide emissions, but also give California businesses a competitive edge in exporting their clean energy expertise and technology throughout the world. But this environmental and economic opportunity will be greatly diluted if compliance investments are directed towards large amounts of offsets in uncapped sectors. Limiting offsets will ensure California makes needed investments in its own energy infrastructure while driving the development of new technologies that will help reduce emissions around the world.

We urge you to support AB 1404.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader
Executive Director

