



California Wind Energy Association

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Assembly Member Chris R. Holden
Chair, Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Room 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 529 (Hertzberg) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Holden:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) wishes to express its strong support for SB 529, which is a commonsense way to expedite the construction of transmission upgrades that are critically needed if the state is to timely achieve its SB 100 clean energy goals.

CalWEA is a 22-year-old trade association. Our wind energy industry members are focused on developing wind energy resources within and directly interconnected to California and off the coast of California, as well as capturing the related economic and workforce development benefits for California.

SB 529 would categorize extensions, expansions, upgrades, or other modification of an existing transmission line or substations as requiring a “Permit to Construct” from the California Public Utilities Commission rather than requiring a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, which is far more intensive and time-consuming process. Such extensive review is not warranted where existing facilities, which are being expanded, have already undergone such analysis. Reviewing such expansions under the PTC process could expedite grid access for many new clean resources.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Hertzberg
Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee