



California Wind Energy Association

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
California State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1174 (Hertzberg) – Please Sign into Law

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) urges you to sign SB 1174 into law.

SB 1174 recognizes that transmission upgrades are a foundational element of achieving California's renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals. The Joint Agency SB 100 Report to the Legislature shows that we simply cannot meet our SB 100 goals without bolstering the transmission system to connect renewable resources to population centers. The SB 100 Report also shows that this transmission is part of the least-cost path to achieving our climate goals. Accordingly, SB 1174 will require that the Public Utilities Commission place greater emphasis on monitoring the progress that is being made by transmission-owning utilities to plan and build the transmission upgrades that are now urgently needed.

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 related economic and workforce development benefits for California.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rader
Executive Director

cc: Senator Hertzberg