



California Wind Energy Association

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Ste. 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1174 (Hertzberg): - SUPPORT (As Amended 4/6/22)

Dear Chair Portantino:

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) wishes to express support for SB 1174, as amended on April 6, 2022.

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.

SB 1174 recognizes that transmission upgrades are a foundational element of achieving California's renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Transforming our energy system from one that relies on concentrated sources of fossil fuels to dispersed renewable energy sources requires a transformation of our grid infrastructure. Accordingly, this bill will require that the Public Utilities Commission, in coordination with other state agencies, place greater emphasis on the progress that is urgently needed to plan and build necessary transmission upgrades.

For these reasons, CalWEA strongly supports SB 1174, as amended, and respectfully request your support.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members the Senate Appropriations Committee
Senator Hertzberg