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Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin De León
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814
Fax: (916) 651-4924

Re: Moratorium on the Formation of New Community Choice Aggregation Programs - Notice of Opposition

Dear Senate President Pro Tempore De León:

The City of Albany has been informed that there may be an effort in the legislature to impose a moratorium on the formation of new Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs that may prevent cities from participating in this important program. We have been told the draft language being floated could restrictively preclude formation of any new CCA program after September 1, 2017. The City of Albany writes in opposition to the formation of such a bill.

We ask that you not support any legislative language restricting the ability of cities to join existing CCAs or to form their own, now or in the future. CCAs directly support state goals for increasing renewable energy, providing lower rates to residents and businesses, and providing consumers with choices. Cities and counties have expended significant resources analyzing CCAs to ensure these benefits accrue to their communities and should be permitted to complete that process and decide for themselves whether this option is appropriate for their community without restriction.

Furthermore, the City of Albany elected to participate in the East Bay Community Energy Authority and entered a Joint Powers Agreement with the County of Alameda and various other Alameda County cities to implement a CCA program to benefit the residents and businesses in our communities.

As a matter of good governance and the highly negative precedent this bill would establish, we urge your opposition.

Sincerely,


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Mayor

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