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Kevin de León
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Enact 100 Percent Renewable and Zero-Carbon Electricity Policy (SB 100)

Dear Mr. de León:

The League of Women Voters of California supports Senate Bill 100 (De León). Achieving 100 percent zero-carbon electricity in California by 2045 is extremely important to meet our climate goals. We thank you for your work thus far and strongly support you in your continued work toward its passage.

Although difficult, it is necessary. Burning fossil fuels is not only polluting our air, it is changing our climate even faster than scientists predicted. If we do not quickly reduce use of fossil fuels, the cost to the economy caused by climate change could be crippling.

It is doable. California is already moving quickly to reduce fossil fuel sources for electricity. We are currently on track (<http://bit.ly/CPUC-RPS>) to reach 50 percent zero-carbon sources by 2020, a decade before required by SB 350 (De León).

SB 100 allows for unforeseen circumstances. By requiring 100% “zero-carbon” and not “renewable”, changes in technologies that we have not yet discovered are allowed, such as successful sequestration of fossil fuel emissions. Also, the bill allows modifications to goals if they cannot be reached or are too costly by 2045, such as an unpredictable surge of demand for electricity as we expand the use of electric transportation.

SB 100 sends clear guidance to business. There is a distinct benefit to send a clear message to business that the goal for 100% zero-carbon by 2045 has significant support, giving business clear direction for planning.

Your constituents support SB 100. There is strong public support for achieving 100 percent zero-carbon electricity as demonstrated in a July poll by the Public Policy Institute of California (<http://bit.ly/July-Report-PPIC>) finding that SB 100 has the support of 76 percent of Californians, with overwhelming majorities across both parties.

The League of Women Voters of California strongly supports passage of SB 100. Thank you for your continued service and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Helen Hutchison
President, League of Women Voters of California