

California Wind Energy Association

May 28, 2025

The Honorable Josh Becker The Honorable Aisha Wahab 1021 O Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 254 (Becker) - SUPPORT

Dear Senators Becker and Wahab,

The California Wind Energy Association (CalWEA) greatly appreciates your efforts to ensure that California timely achieves its climate goals and, to that end, supports your Senate Bill 254.

CalWEA is a 25-year-old trade association. Our members are focused on operating and developing wind energy resources within and directly interconnected to California and off the coast of California and capturing related economic and workforce development benefits for California.

Renewable energy resources are relatively diffuse compared to fossil fuels and nuclear plants. Reaching California's goals will require projects to be sited across the state. The state's climate goals can be too easily thwarted by local governments that want to see clean energy projects developed "somewhere else." SB 254 promotes the proactive outlook that the Energy Commission must take in reviewing wind, solar, and storage projects to ensure that California will achieve its clean energy goals. The bill does this by amending the "opt-in" program code section to ensure that a statewide view is taken when reviewing clean energy projects.

For these reasons, CalWEA strongly supports SB 254.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the California State Senate