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California Energy Commission
Karen Douglas, Chair
1516 Ninth Street
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Dear Chair Douglas,

We are writing as the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County to ask you to support CaliforniaFIRST's efforts in enabling the County of Monterey to launch an energy efficiency retrofit pilot program, with a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) or other financing mechanism.

We are concerned about the potential cancellation of 400-09-401 contracts, but understand the need to adjust the solicitation in light of the Federal Housing Finance Authority (FHFA) statements, and are pleased to see that the Energy Commission is willing to modify their process while continuing to support an array of financing options along with PACE for energy efficiency retrofits. We feel it is imperative that the CEC use these funds to support the development and rollout of innovative financing tools for these types of programs.

Please understand that our jurisdiction, in coordination with the CaliforniaFIRST program, is ready to substitute other financing mechanisms and still have a robust retrofit program if allowed this opportunity. We have high hopes that PACE will be viable in the near future and that the CaliforniaFIRST contract will deliver the benefits of job creation and energy use reduction for our citizens and business community.

We feel that it is critical that the CEC use these funds to support financing for energy retrofits in California and that these efforts must be done quickly to stimulate the job market and leverage additional ARRA funds such as those from other SEP retrofit programs and the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants, Investor-owner Utility rebate programs, and the proposed federal HOME STAR program. The CaliforniaFIRST program, with 141 participating jurisdictions, is in a unique position to deploy these funds efficiently, effectively and expeditiously with a broad reach across the state.

Sincerely,

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