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The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1761 (Rogers) Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure. Notice of Support**

Dear Chair Wicks,

The County of Monterey is pleased to **support AB 1761 (Rogers)**, which would improve the transparency in how the power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) is calculated on energy bills.

Over 220 cities and counties throughout California are actively participating in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) to meet the state's climate action goals and provide residents and businesses with clean energy options. Communities can join together through the formation of CCAs to pool their electricity load in order to purchase clean energy and develop local efficiency projects and programs on behalf of their residents and businesses. CCAs work in partnership with the region's existing Investor-Owned Utility (IOU), which continues to deliver power and maintain the grid, while the CCA retains local autonomy to procure clean renewable energy resources.

To help ensure customers receive energy bills that are fair and accurate, AB 1761 would increase transparency in how PCIA charges are calculated. The PCIA is a fee designed to ensure customers who leave utility generation service, like customers of a CCA or direct access customers, pay their portion of legacy power costs. Since the PCIA was implemented, there has been no consistent standard for what data must be made available in any California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) process or proceeding when the PCIA is set. AB 1761 would ensure that all data that is used to calculate the PCIA costs is disclosed, including cost inputs, forecasting, and assumptions, and methodologies.

The County of Monterey supports the role of CCAs that increase local decision-making over the purchase and development of clean renewable energy resources, as an effective means of increasing consumer access to renewable energy at stable, competitive rates, and decreasing statewide greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the County of Monterey supports the need for transparency of energy procurement practices to support fair competition in statewide energy markets and to protect customers from improper cost allocation.

For these reasons, the County of Monterey **supports AB 1761 (Rogers)** and respectfully requests your 'AYE' vote when the bill is heard in committee. Should you have any questions, please contact Senior Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker at 916-930-7780.



Sincerely,

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Wendy Root Askew, Chair
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