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Dear Erica,

I believe the ambitious goals laid out in SB 100 are a critical part of our clean energy future and that's why I voted for it when it was first heard in the Utilities and Energy Committee earlier this summer. However, there was late and very vocal opposition that arose only in the last week of the legislative year. Due to the late hour, and the new constitutional requirement that prohibits amendments to legislation in the closing days of session, there was not sufficient time to vet those concerns and consider how they could be addressed.

The good news is that we are in the middle of a two-year session. When the Legislature reconvenes in January 2018, we will resolve those issues and move this important legislation forward.

I am fully committed to furthering California's leadership role on combating climate change. We were the first state to put a cap on greenhouse gas emissions and we have always led the country on investments in renewable energy. I, along with my colleagues, look forward to engaging in a collaborative and comprehensive process with all stakeholders, in my role as Chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee, to expand our historic progress and further our leadership role on climate change.

I look forward to the opportunities ahead of us. From committing California to 100% renewable energy, to other creative and impactful ideas yet to be written into legislation, 2018 has the potential to be a year that California takes its boldest steps. Let's work together to make it a reality.

Assemblymember Chris Holden
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