

**Union of
Concerned Scientists**



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The Honorable Kevin de León
Senate President pro Tempore
California State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 100 (de León)—SUPPORT

Dear Senator De León,

Our organizations write to express our support for Senate Bill 100, which will accelerate the state's current 50% Renewables Portfolio Program (RPS) requirement to 2025, raise the RPS to 60% in 2030, and establish a goal for the state to satisfy all its electricity needs from carbon-free resources by 2045.

California has become a world leader on clean energy investment and adoption, thanks to your leadership and that of the California Legislature. However, we cannot rest on our laurels or afford to slow down our pace in transitioning to clean sources of energy. California must continue to be a national and worldwide leader pushing for renewable energy that boosts our economy, improves our air quality, and reduces emissions that are warming our planet.

Increasing the requirements of California's RPS over the next 13 years will provide the necessary market signal to make additional clean energy investments in California, and help position the state to achieve its economy-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. In addition, this bill takes the visionary step of establishing a goal to supply all end-use electricity needs with zero-carbon resources by 2045. Doing so will create momentum for the state to begin taking the necessary steps to dramatically transition away from the use of fossil fuels.

Our organizations thank you for your visionary leadership on making a clean energy economy a reality in California, and we look forward to working with your office to pass this bill into law.

Sincerely,

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