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California State Controller

August 25, 2015

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

SUBJECT: SB 350 (de León) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator de León:

I write to express my support for Senate Bill (SB) 350 (de León), as amended on July 16, 2015, which will implement the aggressive but achievable clean energy and climate goals set out by Governor Brown earlier this year. SB 350 will increase the procurement of electricity from renewable sources to 50%, double the efficiency of existing buildings to 50%, and reduce petroleum use by the transportation sector up to 50% by 2030.

Climate change is one of the most urgent issues of our time. It threatens our water supplies, exacerbates the state's wild fires, and impairs our air quality. California is leading the nation successfully in developing innovative policies and strategies to reduce air pollution, implement clean energy technologies, and reduce our carbon footprint while maintaining a strong economy and protecting consumer choice.

California can build on this foundation by pushing these policies and programs even further. The goals established by SB 350 will lead the business and financial communities to make the necessary investments for developing the alternative energy technological improvements, turning what is possible into what is achievable.

Thank you for authoring this important legislation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-2636 or my Deputy Controller for Legislative Affairs, Evan Goldberg, at (916) 327-1091 or egoldberg@sco.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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