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The Honorable Steven Bradford, Chair  
California State Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce  
State Capitol Bldg  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 843 (Wolk) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Bradford and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of CleanTECH San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for SB 843 (Wolk), Community-Based Renewable Energy Self-Generation Program.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutions.

As you know, SB 843 expands consumer access to renewable energy self-generation programs, providing all customers of SCE, SDG&E and PG&E access to virtual net-metered renewable electricity. It extends the economic and environmental benefits of renewable energy self-generation to the large percentage of Californians who currently have no access: renters, people whose homes are shaded or poorly oriented, small businesses who lease, space limited public entities and consumers who lack sufficient credit.

CleanTECH San Diego supports community-based renewable energy self-generation as a new way to expand the availability of renewable energy to almost all Californians while taking advantage of the economies of scale resulting from larger renewable energy facilities. It provides new uses for degraded or idle land, saves consumers money, provides opportunities for investment, expands the tax base and creates thousands of local jobs. It supports electrical grid stability, and makes a significant contribution to the fight against climate change – and does all this without requiring a single dollar of public investment.

We respectfully urge you to support SB 843. Done properly, community-based renewable energy self-generation will benefit electricity customers, utilities, California's economy and our environment. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson

*Although SDG&E is a member of CleanTECH San Diego, it should be noted that this letter does not reflect their position on this bill. They are working directly with the sponsor and will be submitting their own comments as appropriate.*