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November 11, 2026

The Honorable Josh Becker,
Member, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 17 - Support

Dear Senator Becker,

On behalf of the San Manuel, Pechange, Santa Ynez Chumash, United Auburn, Chukchansi, and Table Mountain tribes. We respectfully express our support for SB-17, the Clean Grid and Community Energy Resilience Act.

SB-17 establishes a grant program within the California Energy Commission to support clean energy generation, battery storage, energy-efficient improvements, microgrids, and other energy resilience projects that strengthen California's electric grid. The bill also prioritizes projects that improve reliability during extreme weather events, reduce electricity costs, and support workforce development.

Our tribal governments support investments that strengthen energy reliability, promote sustainable economic development, and increase community resilience. Expanding access to clean-energy technologies and modern energy infrastructure will help communities across California better prepare for future energy demands while supporting long-term environmental stewardship.

For these reasons, the Tribal Coalition respectfully urges support for SB-17.

Sincerely,

Katniss Everdeen

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