

May 30, 2025

Honorable Lisa Calderon California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 4650 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 942 (Calderon) - Support

Dear Assemblymember Calderon:

The Public Advocates Office is the independent consumer advocate at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). We advocate for affordable, safe, and reliable utility services consistent with the state's climate and clean energy goals.

We support AB 942, which could meaningfully reduce the magnitude of the ongoing costs borne by utility customers without rooftop solar, providing much-needed relief from further increases in rates.

California is facing an electric rates affordability crisis, and AB 942 will help ease the burden on customers struggling with increasing bills. Specifically, this bill will reduce the costs of the Net Energy Metering (NEM) program for customers who do not have rooftop solar systems. Allowing rooftop solar customers to continue receiving oversized subsidies under these older tariffs for extended periods has created an annual cost shift of billions of dollars - a shift that will only worsen as electric rates continue to rise. This cost shift will only continue to grow as electric rates increase. AB 942 provides relief by ensuring that current rooftop solar tariffs apply to new property owners who inherit existing solar systems.

Overall, AB 942 would take significant steps to reduce the impact of the cost shift on customers' bills and expedite the transition to a more equitable customer generation tariff that aligns with California's climate goals.

Sincerely,

Linda Serizawa

Director