



July 7, 2015

The Honorable Das Williams, Chair
 Assembly Natural Resources Committee
 1020 N Street, Room 164
 Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: SB 350 – Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015
 Support from Public Health Organizations**

Dear Assemblymember Williams:

On behalf of the undersigned health and medical organizations, we write to express our appreciation and support for your visionary leadership in introducing Senate Bill 350 (SB 350, de Leon and Leno) that will advance the fight for a healthier, clean air future for all Californians by setting important new targets for petroleum reduction, clean, renewable power and energy efficiency. Climate change is one of the most important public health threats of our century and reducing greenhouse gas pollution and the major contributors to those emissions is critical. We look forward to working with you to build out the strategies to achieve these health protective goals for California.

SB 350 targets the largest sources of localized and global pollutants by advancing Governor Brown’s goals for petroleum reduction and renewable energy, as well as targeting wasted energy due to

inefficient buildings. SB 350 advances the fight against our addiction to oil, the major contributor to smog, carcinogenic diesel soot and carbon pollution in California, by setting a target to cut petroleum use in half by 2030. Due to California's leadership via the Zero Emission Vehicle program, Low Carbon Fuel Standard and smart growth Sustainable Communities Strategies under SB 375, we are on the path to healthier transportation choices, but we know we must do more.

While California is moving toward our current goal for 33 percent renewables in 2020, ensuring ongoing investment to achieve the 50 percent renewables goal outlined in the bill in 2030 is vital to a sustainable future. Ensuring energy is not wasted in inefficient buildings is common sense for California.

Our organizations view climate change as a public health crisis that requires immediate action. We support the goals in SB 350 as vital to reducing the public health impacts of harmful energy sources today and for future generations and look forward to working with you as this bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

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