

March 8, 2022

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 3350  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 839 (Dodd) – Electricity: demand response -- SUPPORT

Dear Chair Hueso:

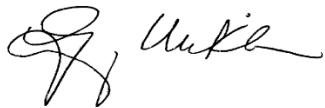
The California Efficiency + Demand Management Council (CEDMC) supports SB 839 by Senator Bill Dodd which would improve the base interruptible program (BIP) and create a pilot economic demand response program to be administered by the state's two largest electrical corporations.

CEDMC is a trade association representing a wide range of companies that provide demand response and energy efficiency services and products in California, although our organization does not include utilities. We represent companies that design, implement, maintain and evaluate demand response and energy efficiency and employ thousands of people who play an important role in California's economy. Our mission is to accelerate the evolution of clean energy markets and expand the impact of clean behind-the-meter distributed energy resources vital to California's future.

SB 839 would protect, promote, and preserve reliability demand response. The bill would declare that the CPUC's authority pursuant to Section 380 to establish resource adequacy requirements and ensure appropriate valuation of demand response while considering how demand response resources further the reliability of the state's electrical grid and the state's goals for reducing emissions of greenhouse gasses is determinative. The bill also requires the CPUC to consider revising the categorization of the BIP from a supply resource to a load modifying demand response resource.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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