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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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Dear Governor Newsom:

We share your concern with the rising electricity rates in California, which is a significant part of the affordability crisis facing our constituents.

California has some of the highest electricity rates in the nation. Electricity rates continue to increase and the increases now outpace the rate of inflation.

Your Executive Order (EO) N-5-24 recognized California's high electricity rates, which have been driven by programs such as the subsidy to encourage rooftop solar adoption, infrastructure investments to reduce wildfire risk, and investments to improve the safety and reliability of the grid. The EO further recognized the opportunity to rein in costs during this legislative session by ordering the various energy entities to submit analyses and recommendations for changes to reduce costs to electric ratepayers.

We would request your office make public the reports filed by the energy entities. These reports will help inform the discussions as the Legislature prepares to make budgetary and policy changes to address affordability issues within the private electric utility sector.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with your office to reduce utility costs for California's ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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