



April 30, 2021

The Honorable Phil Ting
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 33 – SUPPORT
As Amended April 29, 2021**

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Bill 33 regarding energy storage and transportation electrification financial assistance. RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each member county.

RCRC member counties have suffered the lion's share of destruction caused by catastrophic wildfires over the past decade and experienced most of the state's public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events. PSPS events can pose challenges for local governments to operate critical facilities and infrastructure and can also have debilitating economic consequences. Additionally, electric vehicle and charging infrastructure penetration has lagged far behind in the state's rural areas.

AB 33 expands the California Energy Commission's State Energy Conservation Assistance Account to provide financial assistance to local governments and public institutions to install energy storage systems and transportation electrification infrastructure.

There is a pressing need to deploy energy storage systems and transportation electrification in rural communities both to improve resiliency to PSPS events and to facilitate achievement of the state's electric vehicle deployment goals. We believe that these changes could help local governments leverage other similar funding opportunities.

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For the above reasons, RCRC supports your AB 33. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jkennedy@rcrcnet.org.

Sincerely,

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JOHN KENNEDY
Legislative Advocate

cc: The Honorable Josh Becker, Member of the State Senate
The Honorable David Chiu, Member of the State Assembly
Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee
Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Laura Shybut, Chief Consultant, Assembly Energy & Utilities Committee



June 10, 2021

The Honorable Ben Hueso
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications
Committee
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 33 (Ting) – SUPPORT
As Amended April 29, 2021**

Dear Senator Hueso:

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For the above reasons, RCRC respectfully requests your 'Aye' vote when this measure is heard before your Committee . If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jkennedy@rcrcnet.org.

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The Honorable David Chiu, Member of the State Assembly
Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
Consultant, Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee
Kerry Yoshida, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus