



September 8, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 33 (Ting) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 33. AB 33, authored by Assembly Member Phil Ting, concerns 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, public institutions, and tribes 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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Again, RCRC respectfully requests your signature on AB 33.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mary-Ann Warmerdam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARY-ANN WARMERDAM
Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

cc: The Honorable Phil Ting, Member of the State Assembly
The Honorable David Chiu, Member of the State Assembly