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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California
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RE: AB 920 (Huffman) – The Solar Surplus Power Bill - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I am writing on behalf of the American Lung Association in California to express our strong support for AB 920 (Huffman), the Solar Surplus Power bill. This bill is about encouraging conservation and energy efficiency and spurring greater consumer interest in solar power. It deserves your signature.

Solar power is a cornerstone of California's ability to reduce global warming pollution, cut smog pollution and create green jobs to grow our economy. As California heads toward achieving its bold and ambitious Million Solar Roofs goal, it is critical that the state remove all barriers to consumer interest in solar power. It is also critical that California's energy policies blend together energy efficiency with renewable energy whenever possible. AB 920 accomplishes these two goals while helping the state meet its million solar roofs and renewable energy goals.

Specifically, AB 920 would bring about several important changes to California's solar market:

- **REMOVES PERVERSE INCENTIVE FOR CONSUMERS TO WASTE ELECTRICITY:** By giving solar system owners fair compensation for their surplus electricity generated on an annual basis, AB 920 removes a perverse incentive for solar system owners to essentially waste electricity so as not to give any away.
- **REMOVES BARRIER FOR NEW CUSTOMERS TO INVEST IN SOLAR POWER:** Many Californians are discouraged from investing in solar power because they don't want to lose electricity to their utility each year. Knowledge of the lack of surplus power compensation is keeping many Californians from stepping up to the plate and helping the state meet its million solar roofs goal. AB 920 would remove this barrier and encourage a whole new set of consumers to invest in a solar roof.
- **ALLOWS UTILITIES TO COUNT PURCHASED SURPLUS POWER TOWARD RPS:** To encourage utility support of solar power and to reward those utilities that do the most to support rooftop solar installations, AB 920 would allow the utility to count the amount of electricity purchased by the utility through this surplus power program toward their annual renewable portfolio standard goals. The bill specifies, however, that the renewable energy attributes of the electricity used on-site by the solar system owner remain the property of the system owner, consistent with current regulations.

In short, AB 920 is a simple, straight forward bill that will help remove unnecessary barriers to solar power in California, help encourage greater conservation and efficiency and provide fairness for both the consumer and the utility company within today's growing solar market.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. We urge your signature.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Holmes-Gen
Senior Director, Policy and Air Quality
C: Assembly Member Huffman, State Capitol Room 3120

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in California.*

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**BREATHE
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September 15, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Re: AB 920 (Huffman) - Support

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Breathe California is in support of AB 920 (Huffman), which would encourage conservation and energy efficiency and spur greater consumer interest in solar power through the use of net metering.

Solar power is a cornerstone of California's ability to reduce global warming pollution, cut smog pollution and create green jobs to grow our economy. As California heads toward achieving its bold and ambitious Million Solar Roofs goal, it is critical that the state remove all barriers to consumer interest in solar power. It is also critical that California's energy policies blend together energy efficiency with renewable energy whenever possible. AB 920 accomplishes these two goals while helping the state meet its million solar roofs and renewable energy goals.

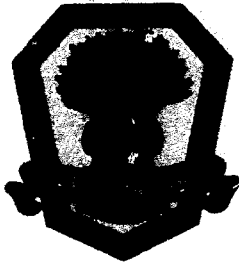
AB 920 helps remove perverse incentives for consumers to waste electricity. By giving solar system owners fair compensation for their surplus electricity generated on an annual basis, AB 920 encourages customers not to "give energy away" or "lose" any to their utility. In addition to discouraging wasteful practices, AB 920 would encourage greater efficiency and conservation at home and at a solar business.

AB 920 closes the barrier for new customers to invest in solar power. Many Californians are discouraged from investing in solar power because they don't want to lose electricity to their utility each year. AB 920 would remove this barrier and encourage additional customers to invest in a solar roof.

AB 920 allows utilities to count purchased surplus power toward the RPS. This will encourage utility support of solar power and reward those utilities that do the most to support roof-top solar installations. The bill specifies, however, that the renewable energy attributes of the electricity used on-site by the solar system owner remain the property of the system owner, consistent with current regulations. We respectfully urge you to sign AB 920. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andy Katz



California State Grange
3830 U Street, Sacramento CA 95817

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September 21, 2009

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Please sign AB 920 (Huffman) – The Solar Surplus Power Bill

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of the California State Grange, I'm writing to express our support for AB 920 (Huffman), the Solar Surplus Power bill. This bill is about encouraging conservation and energy efficiency and spurring greater consumer interest in solar power. It deserves your signature.

Solar power is a cornerstone of California's ability to reduce global warming pollution, cut smog pollution and create green jobs to grow our economy. As California heads toward achieving its bold and ambitious Million Solar Roofs goal, it is critical that the state remove all barriers to consumer interest in solar power. It is also critical that California's energy policies blend together energy efficiency with renewable energy whenever possible. AB 920 accomplishes these two goals while helping the state meet its million solar roofs and renewable energy goals.

Specifically, AB 920 would bring about several important changes to California's solar market:

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In short, AB 920 is a simple, no-brainer bill that will help remove unnecessary barriers to solar power in California, help encourage greater conservation and efficiency and provide fairness for both the consumer and the utility company within today's growing solar market.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. We urge your signature.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Greene
Director of Legislative Affairs

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September 25, 2009

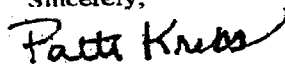
The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for AB 920 (Huffman)

AB 920 (Huffman) would allow net metered customers to receive payment for excess generation or allow the credit to be carried forward to subsequent years. The California Public Utilities Commission is required to establish the value for the generation by January 1, 2011.

We are respectfully writing to urge your signature on AB 920.

Sincerely,



Patti Krebs
Executive Director

110 West C Street, Suite 906, San Diego, CA 92101



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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Please sign AB 920 (Huffman) – The Solar Surplus Power Bill

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of Kyocera International, Inc., I'm writing to express our support for AB 920 (Huffman), the Solar Surplus Power bill. This bill is about encouraging conservation and energy efficiency and spurring greater consumer interest in solar power. It deserves your signature.

Solar power is a cornerstone of California's ability to reduce global warming pollution, cut smog pollution and create green jobs to grow our economy. As California heads toward achieving its bold and ambitious Million Solar Roofs goal, it is critical that the state remove all barriers to consumer interest in solar power. It is also critical that California's energy policies blend together energy efficiency with renewable energy whenever possible. AB 920 accomplishes these two goals while helping the state meet its million solar roofs and renewable energy goals.

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In short, AB 920 is a simple and effective bill that will help remove unnecessary barriers to solar power in California, help encourage greater conservation and efficiency and provide fairness for both the consumer and the utility company within today's growing solar market.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. We urge your signature.

Sincerely,

Rod Lanthorne
President
Kyocera International, Inc.



September 18, 2009

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 920 (Huffman) - Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing on behalf of NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council), which has over 1.3 million members and activists, 250,000 of whom are Californians, to request your signature on AB 920 by Assembly Member Huffman. AB 920 would give solar system owners fair compensation for their surplus electricity generated on an annual basis.

AB 920 would allow the net-metered customers to sell any excess electricity they produce over the course of a year to their electric utility. The current system size limit of one megawatt would remain in place. The rate would be set by the CPUC or governing board to provide the customer-generator "just and reasonable" compensation for the surplus energy sales, leave all other ratepayers indifferent, and would not result in any cost shifting to non-customer generators. This bill would also encourage utility support of solar power and to reward those utilities that do the most to support rooftop solar installations by allowing the utility to count the amount of electricity purchased by the utility through this surplus power program toward their annual renewable portfolio standard goals.

This bill will contribute to California's achievement of the California Solar Initiative goals, continue its leadership in deployment of solar, and help build a sustainable, long-term renewable energy economy.

We thank you for your continued support of clean and efficient energy in California, and respectfully ask for your signature on AB 920.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Carter
Energy Program Co-Director

Ann Notthoff
California Advocacy Director

cc: Assembly Member Huffman



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23 September 2009

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Please sign AB 920 (Huffman) – The Solar Surplus Power Bill

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of Pacific Environment, I'm writing to express our support for AB 920 (Huffman), the Solar Surplus Power bill. This bill is about encouraging conservation and energy efficiency and spurring greater consumer interest in solar power. It deserves your signature.

Solar power is a cornerstone of California's ability to reduce global warming pollution, cut smog pollution and create green jobs to grow our economy. As California heads toward achieving its bold and ambitious Million Solar Roofs goal, it is critical that the state remove all barriers to consumer interest in solar power. It is also critical that California's energy policies blend together energy efficiency with renewable energy whenever possible. AB 920 accomplishes these two goals while helping the state meet its million solar roofs and renewable energy goals.

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In short, AB 920 is a simple, no-brainer bill that will help remove unnecessary barriers to solar power in California, help encourage greater conservation and efficiency and provide fairness for both the consumer and the utility company within today's growing solar market.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. We urge your signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rory Cox', written in a cursive style.

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September 16, 2009

**AB 920 (HUFFMAN) – SUPPORT
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,


The San Diego County Board of Supervisors are pleased to support AB 920 by Assembly Member Huffman, a measure related to solar and wind distributed generation.

AB 920 expands the current wind and solar net-metering programs to allow customers that generate more electricity than they utilize to be compensated for the excess electricity produced. The level of compensation for the renewable energy producing customer would be determined by the Public Utilities Commission and would help the utility meet their renewable energy goals mandated by state law. The consumer may also choose to have their net-metering surplus credits "carried-over" to the next year instead of getting paid for the current year surplus. The San Diego County Board of Supervisors support efforts, such as AB 920, that would give residential photovoltaic customers the ability to sell surplus generation to the local utility at a fair price.

As California works towards meeting its goals of building a million solar roofs in ten years and using 20% renewable electricity by 2010 and 33% by 2020, changes to existing law such as those proposed by AB 920 will help incentivize electrical utility customers to make the investment in technology to help achieve these ambitious goals. These changes will also encourage homeowners and businesses to be more aware of their energy usage. Since customers will receive fair compensation for the excess energy they produced, they will not have to "use it or lose it" as it relates to their excess energy production.

For these reasons, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors supports AB 920 and requests your signature for this important matter. If you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at 916-441-0202.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Clay
Legislative Representative

CC: Assembly Member Huffman

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DIANNE JACOB

CHAIRWOMAN, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

September 29, 2009

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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
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REQUEST SIGNATURE: AB 920 (HUFFMAN) SOLAR AND WIND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors, I respectfully request your signature of Assembly Bill 920 by Assembly Member Huffman which encourages consumer investment in solar power, promotes energy conservation and efficiency, and provides fair compensation for surplus energy generated by small producers.

AB 920 expands the current wind and solar net-metering programs to allow customers that generate more electricity than what they utilize to be compensated for the excess electricity produced. The consumer may also choose to have their net-metering surplus credits "carried over" to the next year instead of getting paid for the current year surplus.

As California works towards meeting its goal of building a million solar roofs in ten years and its goal of using 20-percent renewable electricity by 2010 and 33 percent by 2020, changes to existing law such as those proposed by AB 920 will help incentivize electrical utility customers to make the investment in solar technology to help achieve these ambitious goals.

AB 920 will aid in removing unnecessary barriers to solar power generation in California, help encourage greater conservation and efficiency, and provide fairness for both the consumer and the utility. We urge your signature of this important measure.

If you have any questions regarding the County's support of this bill or if I may be of assistance, please contact me or the County's Sacramento Representative, Jonathan Clay, at (916) 441-0202.

Sincerely,

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

DJ: sia

cc: San Diego Delegation



SIERRA CLUB
CALIFORNIA

September 18, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 920 (Huffman) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Sierra Club California supports AB 920 by Assemblymember Huffman. This bill is about encouraging conservation and energy efficiency and spurring greater consumer interest in solar power.

Solar power is a cornerstone of California's ability to reduce global warming pollution, cut smog pollution and create green jobs to grow our economy. It is critical that California's energy policies blend together energy efficiency with renewable energy whenever possible. AB 920 accomplishes these two goals while helping the state meet its million solar roofs and renewable energy goals.

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In short, AB 920 will help remove unnecessary barriers to solar power in California, help encourage greater conservation and efficiency and provide fairness for both the consumer and the utility company within today's growing solar market.

For these reasons, Sierra Club California urges you to sign AB 920 into law.

Sincerely,

Jim Metropulos
Senior Advocate

cc: Assemblymember Huffman



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SOLAR SONOMA COUNTY
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October 9, 2009

TO: GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER

Craig Carlock
Chairman
Solar Sonoma County Board of Directors

John Carlock
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Solar Sonoma County Board of Directors

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Solar Sonoma County Board of Directors

**Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Fax: 916-558-3160

Re: Urgent Action Requested—Please Sign AB 920

The Mission of Solar Sonoma County is to promote installation of solar PV and solar thermal on public facilities, homes, and private properties and to promote energy efficiency countywide through a public/private partnership with a goal to generate 25 MW of new solar power by 2011. A majority of our Board of Directors supports this bill and we urge you to sign AB 920. This bill will help Solar Sonoma County achieve its mission and a veto of this bill will maintain existing barriers to local efforts to install solar power and make our buildings more energy efficient.

AB 920 provides incentives for green energy by allowing homeowners with residential solar and wind renewable energy systems to be paid by their electric utility for any excess power generated at their home. Current law does not allow any credit for excess generation and this is perceived by potential solar energy customers as a barrier. Its approval would provide another economic incentive to install larger solar systems.

We strongly urge you to support our mission and sign this bill.

Sincerely,

**Craig Carlock, Chairman
Solar Sonoma County Board of Directors**



WINE INSTITUTE
THE VOICE FOR CALIFORNIA WINE

September 16, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 920 (Huffman), Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

On behalf of Wine Institute, the public policy advocacy association representing 1,100 California wineries and affiliated businesses responsible for 85% of the nation's wine production, we request your signature on AB 920. AB 920 would require investor-owned utilities to compensate customers who generate excess wind or solar electricity at a rate set by the California Public Utilities Commission.

The wine industry has embraced the use of solar energy as an important component of its Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices. These practices enable our industry to do its part to conserve natural resources and contribute positively towards the State's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Wineries and their associated vineyards often generate solar energy in excess of their annual consumption, principally because they have multiple electric meters on their property. However, the current net-metering program only allows credit to be generated against consumption at the particular meter to which the solar system is interconnected. Moreover, this credit "zeroes out" annually, regardless of if a customer generated power in excess of their consumption. This frustrates the ability of such operations to receive the full benefit of the State's various programs to encourage the use of solar power.

By allowing customers to receive compensation for their excess generation, AB 920 helps to overcome the obstacles mentioned above.

Therefore, the Wine Institute respectfully asks you to SIGN AB 920. If you should have any questions with regard to our position on this or any other measure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tim Schmelzer
Legislative and Regulatory Representative

cc: Assembly Member Huffman

6.iii. Support Letters – Individuals

No relevant documents found