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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 920 (Aguiar-Curry) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

We, the Lake County Board of Supervisors, write today in support of your bill, AB 920. AB 920 will help meet California's climate goals and clean energy needs by encouraging the use and development of baseload renewable energy as part of a diverse portfolio of renewable energy resources.

California remains a leader in the fight against climate change. At the heart of this fight is California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), which established the framework for increasing the use of renewable energy by requiring the state's load-serving entities (LSEs) to obtain a percentage threshold of their energy from defined renewable sources.

The RPS has been successful in encouraging wind and solar power production, but has resulted in little to no development of the baseload renewable sources necessary to complement the variable output of wind and solar. The result is a shortfall of reliable renewable energy that is projected to grow in future years as the RPS requirements increase.

By requiring LSEs to obtain 20% of their RPS obligations from baseload renewable energy, AB 920 will encourage development of full-time, reliable renewable energy sources to complement solar and wind and meet our state's around-the-clock energy needs. Several studies have shown that a diverse energy portfolio that includes a significant amount of baseload renewables is more cost-effective than a narrow portfolio that does not.

Development of additional baseload resources would have additional environmental and economic benefits, particularly for economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities in the state, where many baseload facilities are or would be located. These benefits include improved air quality, high-paying jobs, royalty payments and tax revenue for cash-strapped local governments.

For these reasons, we strongly support a **YES** vote on **AB 920**.

Sincerely,

Jeff Smith, Chair

Cc: Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Rural County Representatives of California