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

**Subject: SUPPORT for AB 2208, an act to amend Sections 399.15 and 399.30 of the Public Utilities Code, related to energy.**

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the County of Lake I am pleased to support AB 2208. This bill will make it easier to reliably integrate higher amounts of renewable energy generation into the grid by requiring procurement of grid-balancing renewables – geothermal, biomass, and biogas.

This bill is important not only to combat climate change and protect the environment through increased use of renewable energy, but this bill is also important to Lake County for two other significant reasons. This bill will preserve high-paying jobs and tax revenues from businesses such as the Geysers Geothermal Area, and this facility is crucial for the economic health of Lake County. Additionally, this bill will keep bioenergy facilities open to continue accepting wood waste that is thinned from forests and shrub lands to reduce wildfires. This type of fire mitigation is a critical concern for Lake County, as we have experienced multiple devastating fires over the last three years resulting in a cumulative loss of over 1800 homes.

AB2208 will ensure that the grid is supplied with diverse, renewable energy generation and, at the same time, will reduce wildfire risks and will protect high-quality renewable energy jobs and tax revenues in Lake County and other low-income and rural communities.

We are in strong support of AB 2208.

Sincerely,

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Jim Steele, Chair