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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes, Chair
Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SB 542 (Wiggins) – As Amended April 2, 2009 – Oppose Unless Amended**
Status: Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce

Dear Assemblymember Fuentes:

On May 7, 2009, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) voted unanimously to oppose SB 542 unless amended. SB 542 requires the CPUC, by July 1, 2010, to develop and implement a strategy to expand the participation rates of multiunit residential and commercial rental properties in utility energy efficiency and solar energy programs, and to report to the Legislature on that strategy.

There are several efforts underway in various CPUC programs to expand participation of multiunit residential and commercial tenants. The CPUC is working on integrating its approach to demand side management programs, which will further help achieve the goal of the bill. The CPUC currently considers cost-effectiveness of demand side programs on a comprehensive basis. This bill would require the Commission to adopt a strategy that might be duplicative, out of sync with program review cycles, and costly to implement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia Priego".

ALICIA PRIEGO
Legislative Liaison

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Patricia Wiggins, Senator, California State Senate
Members, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee
Edward Randolph, Assembly Utilities & Commerce Committee
Daryl Thomas, Republican Caucus/Policy
John Moffatt, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger