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Honorable Liz Figueroa State Capitol, Room 4061 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1737 (Figueroa) Support

Dear Senator Figueroa:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your SB 1737, which would protect consumers by providing them with sufficient time to submit rebate requests, identifying the personal information needed to satisfy rebate terms and by imposing specified requirements upon the company that is funding the rebate.

Specifically, your bill would require a company, as defined, offering a rebate to provide a consumer with a minimum of 30 days from the date a product is purchased to submit a rebate request. The company would then be required to fulfill the terms of the rebate within the same timeframe, or no later than 60 days. Moreover, this bill would prohibit a company from requiring a consumer to provide more than the specified personal information as proof of purchase for redeeming the rebate.

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates supports your bills effort to protect consumer's and looks forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call Matthew Marcus our Legislative Director at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2544.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Appling, Director Division of Ratepayer Advocates