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Honorable Christine Kehoe
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SR 3 (Kehoe) Support

Dear Senator Kehoe:

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) supports your SR 3, which would urge the President and Congress to increase the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) budget by \$2 billion dollars.

LIHEAP is a Federally-funded program that helps eligible households with their energy bills. Specifically, it provides assistance with energy bill payments, weatherization and other energy-related home repairs.

Recent severe weather conditions have put the health and safety of many Californians at risk and the current LIHEAP budget allocation is insufficient to meet the needs of eligible individuals.

SR 3 would urge the President and Congress to increase LIHEAP funding from \$5.1 billion to \$7 billion dollars. DRA strongly supports your bill's efforts 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
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