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The Honorable Bill Dodd
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95482

Re: Senate Bill 1088 (Dodd) – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

Dear Senator Dodd:

The County of Mendocino is writing to express its opposition to SB 1088 as amended on May 2, 2018, due to the potential impacts of the legislation on our local rate payers that participate in Sonoma Clean Power (SCP). SCP is a not-for-profit public agency operated by Sonoma County, Mendocino County and the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Fort Bragg, Petaluma, Point Arena, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Willits and Windsor. SCP generates electricity for its customers throughout Sonoma and Mendocino from cleaner sources with lower emissions at about the same price as PG&E. Since its inception in 2014, SCP has managed to save its customers over \$79 million in on-bill savings.

Mendocino County is very supportive of fire recovery efforts and appreciates the intent of SB 1088 by adopting standards for reducing risks from future fires by requiring the electrical corporations to submit a safety, reliability, and resiliency plan to the California Public Utilities Commission.

However, as a member of SCP, Mendocino County is very concerned with the language found in SB 1088 related to reliability and distributed energy resources. Mendocino County supports your efforts to make electricity service more reliable but takes issue with language in the bill that would prevent public community choice power programs also known as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) from participating in reliability, as they do today.

The language in SB 1088 is too broad and does not acknowledge CCA's existing role in providing a reliable grid. The County believes it is very important to maintain the CPUC's existing oversight process over these expenditures. SB 1088 is vague and opens the door to the possibility that CCA customers would be required to pay for reliability needs twice.

In order to resolve the reliability concerns, Mendocino County supports Sonoma Clean Power's ask for the following to be inserted between 2899.2 (c) 2 and 3:

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“In reviewing the plans, the Commission shall ensure that plans do not duplicate safety and reliability investments and services provided by third parties including community choice aggregators and direct access providers. Community choice aggregators shall have the opportunity to self-procure safety and reliability resources identified in the plan consistent with Section 366.2(a)(5) and Section 380(b)(4).”

The County of Mendocino does not believe it is your intent to increase costs or to block competition. Thank you for your consideration of the County of Mendocino’s comments on SB 1088. We sincerely appreciate your efforts on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dan Hamburg, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair of the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee
 Honorable Adam Gray, Chair of the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee
 Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate
 Honorable Jim Wood, California State Assembly
 California State Association of Counties
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 Paul Yodar and Karen Lange, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.
 Geoff Syphers, Sonoma Clean Power