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April 30, 2026

Senator Sabrina Cervantes  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1359 - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Cervantes,

On behalf of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA), representing 84 cities and nearly 8 million residents throughout Southern California, we respectfully write in opposition to SB 1359.

CCCA member cities are committed to advancing California's climate goals while ensuring that policies remain responsive to the diverse needs of our communities. As currently drafted, SB 1359 raises significant concerns regarding energy reliability, affordability, and local economic impacts.

First, the bill would make it easier to discontinue natural gas service, even in cases where it remains essential for our residents, local businesses, and critical facilities. Many sectors within our cities, including restaurants, hospitals, manufacturers, and small businesses, depend on natural gas for safe and reliable operations.

Second, SB 1359 limits energy choice for consumers. Local governments value the ability of residents and businesses to select energy options that best meet their needs. Allowing service decisions to be driven primarily by policy rather than customer demand risks leaving many without viable or affordable alternatives.

Finally, we believe that the bill may result in higher energy costs for remaining natural gas customers. As the customer base shrinks, infrastructure costs would be spread across fewer users, disproportionately impacting small businesses, renters, and low- to moderate-income households, many of whom are least able to absorb increased utility expenses.

While we support a thoughtful transition to cleaner energy, it must be implemented in a manner that safeguards reliability, maintains affordability, and reflects the on-the-ground realities faced by cities and their residents. For these reasons, CCCA respectfully opposes SB 1359 and urges consideration of amendments that address these significant concerns.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee