

The Honorable Alex Padilla, Chair  
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4038  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900



June 12, 2014

**Re: AB 2145 (Bradford): Electricity: community choice aggregation - OPPOSE  
Set in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee June 2014**

Dear Senator Padilla,

Since 1934, Marin Conservation League (MCL) has been promoting and protecting the natural environment of Marin County and beyond.

MCL strongly urges the defeat of AB 2145.

The success of Community Choice Aggregation in Marin County has shown that the public supports the right to choose energy providers and has created public awareness and encouraged conservation. Monopoly energy does not further those public goals.

Local generation projects, in partnership with our local CCA, Marin Clean Energy, are up and running. Marin Clean Energy rates are lower than PG&E rates while delivering more than twice the proportion of energy derived from renewable energy sources.

AB 2145 does not further the State's Competitive Energy Goals. It infringes on local government decision-making. It is not pro-labor, but rather is anti-environment.

Efforts such as AB 2145 to hinder or block CCA programs are transparently intended to protect existing monopolies by discouraging competition and would be a step backward.

AB 2145 should be rejected.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Elam".

Jon Elam

President, Marin Conservation League

