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Sierra Club California Commends Signing of SB 350 & Provisions that Encourage Electric Vehicle Infrastructure to Cut Oil Dependence

SACRAMENTO – Today, at a signing ceremony in Los Angeles, Governor Jerry Brown will sign Senate Bill 350, which was co-authored by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon and Senator Mark Leno. Two ambitious but achievable goals now become law in the state: increasing California's renewable portfolio standard to 50 percent by 2030 and doubling energy efficiency in buildings by 2030.

Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California, released following statement:

"Signing this bill marks the beginning of an even more assertive commitment by California to cut pollution leading to climate change. With this bill, we'll simultaneously get more clean, renewable electricity, and through efficiency, reduce our overall demand for dirty, gas-fired electricity.

"Also, provisions in the bill will help generate a new, robust installation of electric vehicle infrastructure around the state. Simply put, the utilities will now have strong motivation to make sure clean electric vehicles advance and that our dependence on oil to fuel transportation declines.

"Despite the oil industry's deceptive campaign to cut an oil dependence reduction goal from the bill, SB 350 ultimately will help reduce California's dependence on oil in the transportation sector. And the bill becomes law today."

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