



Association of California Community & Energy Services

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 647 (Hurtado): Home Energy Savings Expansion Act – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of The Association of California Community & Energy Services (ACCES), I am writing to respectfully urge your signature on SB 647 (Hurtado, the Home Energy Savings Expansion Act). This critical legislation strengthens coordination and oversight of California's clean energy programs to ensure equitable rollout of energy efficiency and electrification initiatives for our low-income communities.

California's energy affordability crisis disproportionately affects low-income households where they are often forced to spend a significant portion of their income on utility bills just to survive. Unfortunately, many low-income individuals live in homes with outdated appliances, poor insulation, and inefficient heating and cooling systems, further adding to the already high energy cost they have to endure. For those living in the Central Valley, extreme summer heat amplifies the challenges of rising cost of energy, forcing families to choose between running costly air conditioning or enduring unsafe living conditions.

Current energy assistance programs are administered by different agencies with complex eligibility requirements and inconsistent rules making it difficult for families to receive the support they need. As California transitions toward cleaner energy, ensuring equitable access to energy efficiency programs is essential to improving affordability,

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reducing environmental impacts, enhancing public health, and lessening the financial burden for Central Valley families.

SB 647 ensures that low-income households receive comprehensive energy efficiency upgrades that reduce utility costs while improving overall living conditions through proper coordination of existing energy assistance programs.

For these reasons, we strongly support SB 647 and respectfully request your signature.

Sincerely,

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Interim Executive Director of ACCES

cc: Office of Senator Melissa Hurtado

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