



April 11, 2017

The Honorable Kevin de León
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA

RE: SB 518 (de León): Clean Energy Job Creation Program and Citizen Oversight Board: SUPPORT

Dear Senator de León:

Advanced Energy Economy (AEE) is pleased to support your SB 518, which would extend critical funding for advanced energy projects and energy efficiency retrofits at public schools.

AEE is a national association of businesses dedicated to transforming public policy to enable a prosperous world that runs on clean, secure, affordable energy. We are comprised of over 100 companies both large and small across the technology spectrum, including energy efficiency, solar, wind, storage, fuel cells, biofuels, electric vehicles, demand response, advanced metering, and enabling software. Our members also include companies that have made a commitment to power their operations with clean energy and are working with us to break down the barriers that inhibit them from reaching their sustainability goals.

SB 518 sets the right long-term direction for the Prop 39 program by shifting unused grant monies into a sustainable, low-cost loan program. By creating an affordable financing mechanism that schools can tap into for on-site energy savings, SB 518 maximizes project opportunity and limited dollars for local impact. This bill will ensure program dollars continue to flow to schools into the future.

For these reasons, AEE is pleased to support your SB 518.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee
Jay Dickenson, Chief Consultant, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee