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Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 6012
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1266 (Gonzalez) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez:

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) is the independent consumer advocate within the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). ORA's statutory mandate is to obtain the lowest possible rates for utility services consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA also advocates for customer and environmental protections in connection with utility service.

ORA supports AB 1266, which would prohibit an electrical or gas company from collecting excess compensation from their customers after January 1, 2013 for a federal or state safety regulation violation as specified, unless approved by the CPUC.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that monies collected from ratepayers is only for the provisioning of affordable, safe and reliable utility services, nothing more.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please call ORA's Deputy Director, Matthew Marcus, at (916) 327-3455 or me at (415) 703-2381.

Respectfully,

Joseph P. Como, Acting Director
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