



June 9, 2026

Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1301 (Petrie-Norris) – Support

Dear Assemblymember Petrie-Norris:

The Public Advocates Office is the independent consumer advocate at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). We advocate for affordable, safe, and reliable utility services consistent with the state's climate and clean energy goals.

We support AB 1301, as amended on June 4, 2026, which would change the Public Advocates Office's annual report submission deadline from January 10 of each year to February 1 of each year. By making this minor change, the Public Advocates Office will be better positioned to report on its previous year's efforts and accomplishments and provide a strong voice for investor-owned utility customers. The Public Advocates Office engages in work at the CPUC and in other forums throughout the course of each year, and the current January 10 deadline provides only a limited window of time to prepare its annual report.

This date change is also important because it would align the release of the Public Advocates Office's annual report with that of the CPUC, California Energy Commission, and the California Independent System Operator. This simple statutory change would benefit the public by allowing Californians to access these annual reports concurrently to learn more about each entity's accomplishments, goals, priorities and overall work to help advance affordable, safe and reliable utility service.

For these reasons, we support AB 1301.

Sincerely,

Linda Serizawa
Director