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Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chair
Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
1020 N Street, Room 408A
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Re: AB 2111 (Papan) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Petrie-Norris:

On behalf of the City of Burlingame, I write in support of AB 2111 by Assemblymember Diane Papan, a measure that would strengthen California's transmission planning framework to ensure the grid is built to meet future reliability and clean energy needs in a more cost-effective manner.

Electricity demand is expected to grow significantly in the coming years due to transportation electrification, building electrification, and economic growth. At the same time, California is transitioning to a cleaner electricity system and confronting the impacts of a changing climate, both of which will require new transmission infrastructure to deliver renewable energy resources reliably to customers across the state.

California's transmission planning framework was developed when electricity demand and grid conditions were more stable, and the system was changing far more slowly. Electricity demand is now growing rapidly, clean energy resources are developing in new locations, and climate impacts are making grid conditions harder to predict. Yet the current process still relies heavily on near-term reliability needs and a single forecast of the future. As a result, transmission upgrades are often identified only after congestion emerges or projects seek to interconnect. This reactive approach often delays access to lower-cost clean energy, increases project and system costs, and puts upward pressure on electricity rates for customers.

AB 2111 would strengthen California's transmission planning process by requiring the state to evaluate multiple future scenarios – including high load growth and extreme weather – so transmission needs can be identified earlier and addressed through more proactive, cost-effective grid investments. By improving long-term planning and transparency around planning assumptions, the bill supports a more cost-effective buildout of the grid. As a member of Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), a Community Choice Aggregator serving approximately 800,000 Californians in San Mateo County and the City of Los Banos in Merced County, we believe the bill will improve reliability, support clean energy deployment, and reduce electricity costs for our residents.

For these reasons, the City of Burlingame strongly supports AB 2111. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Goldman, City Manager, at lgoldman@burlingame.org or 650-558-7204.

Sincerely,

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