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The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SUPPORT, AB 50 – Public Utilities: Timely Service, Customer Energization**

Dear Chairman Holden,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 50, which would require a public utility to furnish and maintain timely service, instrumentalities, equipment, and facilities. The bill would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2025, to determine the criteria for timely service for electric customers, including, among other things, reasonable average energization time periods for categories of timely service and consideration of whether a customer should be credited for financial damages suffered from a significant delay, as specified.

Unfortunately, under existing law, severe electric interconnectivity delays have become the everyday reality of utility customers in California. Currently, families and business-owners are being asked to pay significant planning fees - up to hundreds of thousands of dollars – upon receiving “Will Serve” letters provided by utilities. The stark reality of the matter is that what is really happening is businesses and residents are investing huge amounts of money only to later find out it may be many months or years before their houses and businesses can be occupied.

AB 50 would improve interconnectivity timelines for new and existing electric customers, promote more efficient distribution planning, and increase communication between large electric corporations, local governments, and the state government. Therefore, Solano County supports AB 50 because it would give the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) authority to impose regulations and penalties on the timeliness of energizing new facilities, including making timely upgrades to existing facilities. This would help Solano County attract and maintain businesses and industries that support strong economic growth and development in the region.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 50.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors**CC:**Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jim Wood, Assemblymember

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