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The Honorable Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

The County of El Dorado appreciates your introduction of Assembly Bill 843 and extends its support. The legislation aims to allow Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) access to existing state funding for renewable bioenergy electricity projects, including biomass and biogas. On March 8, 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved Pioneer's implementation plan for El Dorado County. As you know, Pioneer is a co-sponsor of AB 843. El Dorado County is looking forward to being able to provide an alternative to the investor-owned utility currently providing energy to residents and businesses on the west slope of the County.

The passage of AB 843 will not only allow CCAs to expand their renewable energy portfolios to include bioenergy at an affordable rate, but will also potentially assist cities and counties with procurement requirements contained within the regulations recently promulgated by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) pursuant to the passage of Senate Bill 1383 (2016, Lara).

These regulations mandate that cities and counties annually procure products produced from organic material diverted from landfilling. Eligible products include, but are not limited to, compost, mulch, and electricity generated from biomass conversion. Cities and counties that purchase qualifying renewable energy from CCAs will be able to

satisfy some or all of the SB 1383 CalRecycle procurement requirements and help meet sustainability goals, thereby providing a dual benefit to these jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

John Hidahl  
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