



September 15, 2023

VIA Email to the Office of the Governor and Author

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 49 (Becker) – Renewable Energy: Department of Transportation strategic plan – REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Newsom:

The League of Women Voters of California writes to request your signature on SB 49 (Becker), to develop a strategic plan to lease and license the Department of Transportation owned rights-of-way to public utilities or other entities to build and operate renewable energy generation facilities, energy storage facilities connected to a renewable energy generation facility, and electrical transmission facilities.

LWVC supports actions to mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Powering the state's buildings and transportation sector with electricity sourced from renewable energy will greatly reduce our state's carbon emissions. But to do this, more transmission lines need to be built. By creating a strategic plan to clearly evaluate, quantify, and then make available for

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development, Department of Transportation owned rights-of-way, this bill would help to build a roadmap for our state to build a sustainable grid.

The League of Women Voters of California strongly supports SB 49 (Becker) and requests your signature. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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League of Women Voters of California