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The Honourable Jerry McNerney
California State Senate
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Dear Senator McNerney,

On behalf of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison, and Semptra Energy, we write to express our respectful opposition to Senate Bill 30, the Annual Transparency and Reporting of Utility Political Spending Act.

While we share your commitment to transparency and fiscal responsibility, SB 30 would create unnecessary layers of reporting that duplicate existing oversight mechanisms and inject uncertainty into long standing regulatory frameworks. California's investor owned utilities already operate under some of the most stringent disclosure standards in the nation, including comprehensive audits, rate cases, and reporting obligations before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), and federal entities. By imposing an additional annual reporting mandate and significant civil penalties, SB 30 risks diverting resources away from what truly matters: infrastructure modernization, wildfire mitigation and customer reliability. The proposed requirements, particularly the need to categorize every public policy expenditure and distinguish ratepayer versus shareholder funding at a granular level, are administratively unworkable and potentially misleading to the public.

Equally concerning is the precedent this bill would set. Subjecting utilities to duplicative political spending audits could have a chilling effect on their ability to participate in the policymaking process, the very forum where operational realities and consumer protections are shaped. Constructive engagement between utilities and policymakers is not only appropriate but essential for effective energy governance. Rather than layering on redundant reporting obligation, we urge a more targeted, collaborative approach of which leverages existing CPUC transparency rules and aligns with current FPPC disclosure frameworks. Modernizing existing tools will achieve accountability without penalizing legitimate stakeholder engagement or diverting funds from critical safety and grid investments.

For these reasons, we respectfully oppose SB 30 unless amended to align with current reporting systems and to remove provisions that create duplicative or punitive requirements. We remain fully committed to transparent operations and to partnering with your office on balanced, results

driven reforms that strengthen public trust while maintaining regulatory clarity and investor confidence in California's energy future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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(on behalf of PG&E, Southern California Edison, and Sempra Energy)

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