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THE SOLAR ALLIANCE, CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA HISPANIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION MOST RECENT GROUPS TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 7

POORLY-WRITTEN ENERGY INITIATIVE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT THREATENS RENEWABLE POWER DEVELOPMENT AND WOULD BRING HIGHER ELECTRIC BILLS

Sacramento, CA – The Solar Alliance, a national trade association representing solar energy businesses, the Consumer Federation of California, the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and the California Farm Bureau Federation headline a long list of organizations that have recently come out in formal opposition to Proposition 7. More than 300 organizations oppose Prop. 7, including wind, solar and renewable energy providers, all of the state's leading environmental groups, business, labor, taxpayer, utility, senior and local government groups. A complete coalition list is below.

Prop. 7 proponents claim the measure will increase renewable energy in California. But virtually every renewable power provider and environmental organization opposes Prop. 7 and warns the initiative is so flawed that it will result in *less*, not more, renewable power. Economists and consumer advocates warn the initiative will significantly increase electric bills.

Among the most recent organizations to oppose Proposition 7 include:

- **The Solar Alliance**
- **California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce**
- **Consumer Federation of California**
- **Black American Political Association of California**
- **Mexican American Political Association**
- **San Mateo Central Labor Council**
- **Latin Business Association**
- **Southern Christian Leadership Conference**
- **San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce**
- **Los Angeles County Federation of Labor**
- **Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce**
- **Chinese Women Business Women Fellowship**
- **California Farm Bureau Federation**
- **Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council**

A separate coalition of environmental and renewable power providers has also been formed to oppose Prop. 7 including Sierra Club California, the California League of Conservation Voters, the Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

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These organizations oppose Prop. 7 and warn the measure:

- Will slam the brakes on renewable power development in California.
- Will force small wind and solar companies out of the market via a “competition elimination” provision that excludes renewable plants that produce less than 30 megawatts from counting towards the measure’s targets.
- Contains a provision that virtually guarantees that electricity consumers will pay 10% above market rates for renewable power forever -- even when the costs of solar and wind sources become more competitive.
- Will increase the average residential electric bill by more than \$300 per year.

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