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May 7, 2013

Honorable Mike Gatto, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 66 (Muratsuchi)

Dear Chairman Gatto:

At its regular meeting on May 7, 2013, the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach voted to support AB 66, which would require utility providers regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission to publish the frequency and duration of power outages in their service areas on their website and update the information on a quarterly basis.

The South Bay region experiences numerous power outages each year, which raises concerns about reliability and open space fires and accidents. Additionally, power outages create hindrances for small businesses that operate within the community. Recently, a vault fire took two transformers out of service and affected a large population of Manhattan Beach, including forcing the early closing of some businesses in the downtown area.

It is our hope that the requirements mandated in AB 66 would help identify areas where the most frequent outages occur and assist utility providers in allocating maintenance funds where they are needed the most.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

David J. Lesser  
Mayor