



# REAP Renewable Energy Accountability Project

March 16, 2009

Hon. Darrell Steinberg  
President Pro Tem, California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Remove SB 14 from Suspense File (Senate Appropriations Committee Action of March 16, 2009)

Dear Senate President Pro Tem Steinberg,

*Darrell:*

Today's action of the State Senate Appropriations Committee, placing SB 14 (Simitian) on suspense file, strikes a very sad blow to those who take seriously the repercussions delaying progress on achieving energy independence and combating global warming pollution.

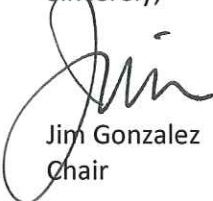
I respectfully urge you to work to remove SB 14 from suspense file and continue progress towards fulfilling your promise that, under your leadership, the State Legislature would enact a 33% RPS for California within 120 days of your assuming the President pro Tem's gavel.

The people of California cannot afford to wait as SB 14 sits in political limbo and the winds of global warming continue to scorch our state. The Pacific Institute's study on "The Impacts of Sea-Level Rise on the California Coast", released March 11<sup>th</sup>, serves to underline the urgent times we are living in.

Raising the RPS and holding all utilities accountable for achieving higher RPS standards remains key to reducing global warming and making California the center for the Energy Technology "ET" Revolution. With President Obama's pledge to require that 25% of the entire nation's electricity comes from renewable resources by 2025, California has an unprecedented opportunity to lead the way in making this Energy Technology Revolution a reality.

REAP will continue to monitor the progress of SB 14 and we look forward to reporting on your effective leadership.

Sincerely,



Jim Gonzalez  
Chair

cc: Statewide Media