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The California Building Industry Association (CBIA) and the California Business Properties Association would like to submit the following comments regarding the petition that was filed on June 5, 2013 by the American Lung Association and other parties seeking to have the California Energy Commission (CEC) perform a cost-benefit evaluation of California's Net Energy Metering Program.

The intent of net metering is the provision of fair economic credit for the benefits solar systems provide the grid and ratepayers, and allows homeowners, schools and other public entities, and businesses to control electricity costs and invest these savings in other areas.

The State of California has the policy aspirational goals of having all new home "zero net energy" by 2020 and all new commercial buildings zero net energy by 2030. While these efforts will involve increased levels of energy efficiency in new construction, they will also include the incorporation of renewable energy sources. The most likely source of that renewable energy generation will be attributed to the installation of solar photovoltaic energy systems on (or near) these structures.

As the Energy Commission moves forward in the development of building standards that brings new construction closer to zero net energy, it will be critical for the CEC to be able to clearly identify and quantify the array of costs and benefits attributed to net energy metering.

Whether this investigation is done separately by the CEC or in concert with the effort underway at the California Public Utilities Commission, this investigation needs to take place and the sooner the better. To that end, the California Building Industry Association and the California Business Properties Association look forward to working with the Energy Commission and other interested parties in the event the CEC proceeds with the investigation requested by the petitioners.