SB 100 (de León) – SUPPORT
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Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

California State Senate
c/o Kevin de León, Senate President pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

California State Assembly
c/o Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 100 (de León) – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown and Members of the California State Legislature:

As businesses concerned about the immediate and long-term implications of climate change, we, the undersigned, strongly support Senate Bill 100 and urge swift action in 2018 to pass this legislation. This bill will accelerate California’s current 50% Renewables Portfolio Program (RPS) requirement, raise the RPS to 60% in 2030, and establish a goal for the state to satisfy all its electricity needs from carbon-free resources by 2045.

By further accelerating and expanding California’s clean energy targets, SB 100 will help position the state to achieve its economy-wide greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. In addition, this policy proposal takes the visionary step of establishing a goal to supply all end-use electricity needs with zero-carbon resources by 2045. Doing so will create momentum for the state to begin taking the necessary steps to transition away from the use of fossil fuels.

Tackling climate change is one of America’s greatest economic opportunities of the 21st century. Accelerating and expanding California’s renewable energy goals is a key next step to ensure the state’s vibrant clean energy economy continues to grow. America’s renewable energy industries are experiencing dynamic and robust growth; the solar industry alone added nearly 25,000 jobs in California in 2016. Increasing the requirements of California’s RPS will provide the necessary market signal for businesses to make additional clean energy investments in California and ensure job growth continues in the state’s leading green economy.

Our businesses represent many different sectors of the economy and employ large numbers of Californians. We have taken steps to reduce our own impacts. But we recognize that we cannot fully realize the economic opportunity without legislation that sets a path towards achievable
standards. California has become a world leader on clean energy investment and adoption; however, we cannot rest on our laurels or afford to slow down our pace in transitioning to clean sources of energy. Crafting California’s long-term climate policy requires a sustained, adaptive effort. SB 100 provides an ambitious, yet achievable, road map to move us forward.

We applaud California’s leaders for taking steps to help the state seize that opportunity and encourage your support of this critical policy early in 2018.

Sincerely,

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Autodesk – San Rafael, CA
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