Local clean energy is already making a difference across California. Here are some examples of what local clean energy is:

**Renewable local (distributed) generation**
Solar, small wind, biogas, geothermal, etc. are energy sources that are located close to home.

**Energy Efficiency**
By wasting less energy through simple actions like sealing drafty windows or replacing inefficient appliances, we avoid the need to use excess electricity. These actions lead to major bill savings.

**Combined Heat and Power (CHP)**
Capturing waste heat from a steel factory can be used to produce steam and turn a turbine making electricity. It’s almost like getting additional free electricity.

**Energy Storage and Load Balancing**
For homes and businesses that use solar power, installing battery storage next to a residential solar system can save excess energy that can be used in the evening hours after the sun sets. By incentivizing energy consumers to shift energy usage, like running the laundry at night when energy usage is low, we can better balance energy demand and eliminate the need for utilities to build expensive extra power plants that would only be used a few hours a year to meet peaking needs.
Dear Governor Brown,

Please stand up for local clean energy in California communities.

Utilities are standing in the way of progress, limiting our opportunities to access cheaper, cleaner, safer energy options like rooftop solar panels and energy efficiency. They want to keep us paying for increasingly expensive and dirty energy.

Local clean energy will create good jobs for our state, lower costs for families across California, and create cleaner air for our children. Please stand up to the dirty utilities who are holding us back and support local clean energy by signing the Clean Energy Bill of Rights!

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☐ Yes, I want to get involved and receive updates from the campaign.

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1. UNIVERSAL ACCESS: Every Californian has the right of access to local clean energy; unnecessary barriers to the widest possible use of local clean energy should be removed. Customers should not be locked into dirty sources of energy when increasingly cheaper, safer, and cleaner energy options exist.

2. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: Local clean energy is vital to providing a healthy future for our children and a healthy economy for our communities. Clean energy in our communities will keep our air and water clean while creating local family-sustaining jobs and economic prosperity.

3. LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES & COMMUNITIES OF COLOR: Low income communities and communities of color suffer disproportionately from the effects of dirty energy; we have an obligation to reduce the harm caused by our energy use, especially in these communities.

4. RIGHT OF SELF GENERATION: Californians should be able to generate, own, and use local clean energy in their homes and in their communities, without unnecessary obstacles and red tape, or fear of being penalized by government or utilities with unfair rules, fees or penalties.

5. RIGHT TO EARN MONEY: Californians should have a right to earn money from the sunshine that falls on their roofs and the wind that blows on their land.

6. EQUITABLE BENEFITS: Local clean energy should expand in a way that is equitable, supported by policies that ensure all Californians benefit from the clean energy economy.

7. ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Efficiency is the largest and most affordable form of local clean energy. While dirty energy rates rise, customer bills need not follow this path. The state has a responsibility to insure that well-designed programs help Californians waste less energy and lower their bills through energy efficiency.

8. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: Decisions about energy should be transparent and encourage community participation. Communities have a right to participate in decisions about their energy supply, and to have a choice about where they get their energy.

9. ENERGY SECURITY: Local clean energy is necessary to protect people from the risk of rising fossil fuel costs and helpless dependency on vulnerable energy supplies. Californians have the right to use local clean energy to provide for their own energy security and to offset their own rising energy bills.

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Yes — I want to bring jobs, savings, and cleaner air to our community through local clean energy!