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RE: SUPPORT AB 2713 – Advanced Energy Storage

California is home to approximately 4,000 metalworking facilities, employing over 110,000 Californians with middle-class manufacturing jobs and health benefits. 8 out of 10 employees in the metalworking sector are considered ethnic minorities or reside in disadvantaged communities.

California's metalworking companies recycle discarded metal and manufacture new components used in: aerospace, biotech apparatuses, solar panels, electric cars, medical devices, infrastructure, national defense, agriculture, construction, transportation and millions of other applications.

Energy, materials, labor and far reaching regulations are the major factors impacting metal manufacturers. The cost of energy in the state of California is significant for metal manufacturing businesses, especially because we primarily compete with out-of-state competitors.

Metal manufacturing businesses are under heavy constraints when it comes to consumption of electricity. Rate changes, time-of-day complexities, peak and demand restrictions, rolling blackouts, and unpredictable AB 32 utility surcharges make it difficult to manage a business.

When a metal manufacturer has to change its hours of operations to accommodate volatile electricity rates, our employees are left working night shifts and odd schedules. Overall, energy rates mean more than just the price per kilowatt or btu.

The California Metals Coalition supports AB 2713. AB 2713. This bill will improve our ability to safely and efficiently consider energy storage solutions at our facilities.

We thank you for your dedication to our state, supporting middle-class jobs, and balancing the needs of all California communities.

Sincerely,

James Simonelli
Executive Director