



September 15, 2012

Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SUPPORT SB 1122 (Rubio) - Energy: renewable biomass and biogas projects**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of our small, woman owned business, the struggling waste conversion industrial sector that is our client base, and this resource-rich, jobs-poor state, we ask that you sign Senate Bill (SB) 1122. This legislation effectively addresses a long-standing imbalance in California's energy procurement programs and policies, directing the Public Utilities Commission to create a 250 megawatt carve-out specifically for conversion of biomass into much-needed baseload electrical power and biosourced fuels, while providing cost-effective long-term pathways for attainment of our Climate Change goals.

JDMT, Inc, headquartered in the 150 year old gold rush city of Auburn, California, provides technical and regulatory consulting guidance to agencies and industries seeking clean ways to convert waste liabilities into assets. We maintain an online industrial information service, Teru Talk ([www.terutalk.com](http://www.terutalk.com)), and broadly distribute a free weekly electronic newsletter focused on clean conversion of waste and biomass.

Our company dedicates considerable effort toward California's environmental and social goals with this free service and by engaging in the many policy-related activities of our state agencies. We have long been an active member of the Sustainability Working Group within the Air Resources Board's Low Carbon Fuel Standard program. Our on-going publication of current news, informational reports, and detailed articles provide our readership with a clear window into the complex interchange of California's laws and policies, emphasizing synergistic opportunities and providing timely cautions regarding apparent internal conflicts.

From this position and through our constant diligence, we understand the critical need to support emerging waste and biomass conversion efforts. SB 1122 provides an effective mechanism and an appropriate starting point from which the state can properly monetize the unique socio-economic and environmental benefits of biomass utilization for generation of combined heat, cooling, and power (CCHP), and for production of carbon-neutral transport fuels as alternatives to our dependence on foreign petroleum-sourced products. Unlike other renewable resources, utilization of biomass sourced from our forest restoration efforts, from agricultural residues, and from segregated urban

solid and liquid wastes effectively creates assets directly from liabilities, and a spectrum of employment opportunities from a rich and sustainable resource base.

It is with this informed perspective that we feel obliged to strongly urge your signature providing final authorization of SB 1122.

Please contact me at (530) 613-1712 or mtheroux@jdmt.net if you have any questions or wish to discuss the subject of this letter further.

Sincerely,

**JDMT, Inc**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Theroux".

Michael Theroux  
Vice President

cc: Cliff Rechtschaffen, Senior Advisor to Governor Brown  
Martha Guzman-Aceves, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary to Governor Brown  
The Honorable Michael Rubio, California State Senate  
The Honorable Michael Peevey, President, CPUC  
The Honorable Mark Ferron, Commissioner, CPUC  
The Honorable Carla Peterman, Commissioner, CEC