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The Honorable Luz Rivas
Assemblymember, 39 District
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RE: ACR 133 Introduce a Girl to Engineering Week – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Luz Rivas,

The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) is pleased to support ACR 133, which proclaims February 24, 2022 as Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. CMUA's membership includes local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs) that provide safe, clean, affordable, and reliable electricity to 25% of the state and public water agencies that provide safe, sustainable, affordable, and reliable water service to over 75% of the state. Engineers play a pivotal role in advancing new – and maintain existing – critical infrastructure projects necessary for the reliable delivery of electricity and water.

Engineers will continue to play a vital role as electric POUs advance clean energy projects, support transportation electrification, and mitigate against wildfires, and as water systems continue to look at innovative water supply solutions. There are big challenges before us that will require a robust and properly trained engineering workforce. It's also very important that the engineering workforce of tomorrow supports diversity, including gender diversity. ACR 133 provides an important opportunity to highlight the engineering sector to girls and young woman around the state.

Thank you for leadership on this issue. Please contact me at (916) 827-7113 or pwelch@cmua.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Welch
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