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Dear Ms. Ferrera,

Thank you for your letter regarding IR 16-8 ("Solar Photovoltaic Review and Approval Requirements") published by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but please know your comments and questions for consideration were greatly appreciated.

As you may be aware, DSA is working to revise IR 16-8 to address various issues related to solar photovoltaic systems. This effort includes working with the Structural Engineers Association of California (SEAOC) to develop provisions for solar photovoltaic systems. At the request of DSA, the Wind Committee of SEAOC created a subcommittee to address solar photovoltaic design provisions and recommendations. DSA volunteered to chair this subcommittee with the intent to lead the committee and incorporate the subcommittee's findings into DSA's IR 16-8 and the California Building Code. DSA contacted key experts in this field to ask them to be a part of this subcommittee.

As we modify IR 16-8, DSA will certainly consider the questions and comments submitted by the School Energy Coalition.

Sincerely,

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