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## Re: SB 350 (De Leon & Leno) Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015-**Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

The Environmental Justice Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Stockton, respectfully requests your signature on landmark climate and clean energy legislation, SB 350 by Senators De León and Leno. Thank you for championing action to combat climate change and to protect the poorest and most vulnerable communities of California.

Pope Francis has called all people of the world to take bold action to address the damage we have done to the Earth. As Catholics, we are called to be good stewards of Creation while having a reverence for all life. SB 350 improves our stewardship of Creation by reducing our harmful emissions, increasing our energy efficiency, investing in renewable energy, all while still moving us away from rampant fossil fuel consumption. These actions defend life by improving the quality of our air, on which all life depends, and preserving our world and resources for future generations.

As an action we believe is in line with Pope Francis' call, we respectfully ask for your signature on SB 350.

Sincerely,

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