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I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 634, which specifies that electricity generated by hydroelectric facilities and similar equipment utilizing hydroelectric energy may be counted toward compliance with our state's renewable portfolio standard.

Hydroelectric power is a proven, reliable source of clean energy that plays a crucial role in our transition to a sustainable energy future. By recognizing hydroelectric energy in our renewable portfolio standards, we can incentivize the development and maintenance of these facilities, ensuring that we harness the full potential of our natural resources.

This bill will not only help diversify our energy mix but also contribute to job creation in the renewable energy sector. Investing in hydroelectric infrastructure can provide local communities with economic benefits while reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. Moreover, hydroelectric power is a mature technology that offers consistent energy output, making it a vital asset in our efforts to achieve energy independence and security.

As we face the growing challenges of climate change and the need for sustainable energy solutions, it is imperative that we support initiatives like SB 634. By doing so, we are taking a meaningful step towards a cleaner, more resilient energy future for our state and generations to come.

Thank you for considering my support for this important legislation. I urge you to advocate for SB 634 and help us pave the way for a greener future.