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Members of the Committee on Energy and Utilities
225 Northwest
State Capitol

RE: AB 114, Eligibility of Hydroelectric Resources Under the Renewable Portfolio Standards

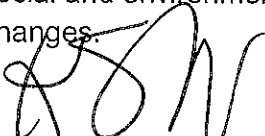
Dear Representative Honadel and Members of the Committee on Energy and
Utilities:

Midwest Environmental Advocates is a non-profit, environmental law center
that provides legal and technical assistance to community groups and partner
organizations working for clean air, land and water through meaningful
participation in decision-making at all levels of government.

We oppose the change proposed in AB114. The Renewable Portfolio
Standards (RPS) reflects careful consideration of social, environmental and
economic issues of critical importance to Wisconsin. It is ill advised to make
the changes as proposed in AB114 without credible analyses of the impacts
to our communities, our waters and our economy.

During the long public debate that took occurred around the Clean Energy
Jobs Act, many Wisconsin businesses came forward to make law makers and
the general public aware of the many economic opportunities in the
development of renewable energy resources. The changes proposed in
AB114 raise too many unanswered questions regarding negative economic
and environmental impacts.

There is no reason at this time to rush legislation without careful economic,
social and environmental analysis. We urge you to reject the proposed
changes.



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