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Letting SDG&E exit efficiency programs without transferring their full budget cuts off a major pathway for renters, mobile home residents, and non-English speaking families to access basic weatherization and appliance help—people who can't get rooftop solar and often spend a third or more of income on energy.

SDREN was designed to fill gaps—reaching tribal communities, corner stores, tenants in old buildings. It got \$31M annually to do that specialized work. SDG&E currently runs programs with roughly \$300M in total budget serving broader markets. If SDG&E walks away, either SDREN tries covering both (impossible at current funding) or thousands of families simply lose access to programs that fix leaky windows and replace broken AC units.

This matters more now because federal efficiency funding is shrinking—the House proposed significant cuts to DOE's energy efficiency office, and tax credit stability remains uncertain. State programs become the safety net. And these aren't luxuries: weatherization prevents heat exposure in communities without tree cover; efficient refrigerators mean food doesn't spoil for families on tight budgets.

If CPUC allows the exit, require SDG&E to transfer proportional funding so SDREN can actually deliver.

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