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Dear Dean Barrett,

On behalf of CleanTECH San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for UC San Diego's application submitted in response to the Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) program.

CleanTECH San Diego is a business association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutions, including UC San Diego. We fully understand that without a properly educated and trained workforce, our region's cleantech industry will not be able to thrive. UC San Diego's proposed program will support our efforts while providing opportunities for graduate students and post docs to explore careers outside academia, allowing them to transition to careers in cleantech industry.

At CleanTECH San Diego, we have witnessed firsthand the global impact that graduate students from UC San Diego are having on the cleantech industry. A program like the one UC San Diego is proposing would further increase their students' understanding of what it takes to work in our vibrant business environment and make them even more productive and attractive to potential employers.

To support this program, CleanTECH San Diego will provide access to cleantech companies and professionals so that they can address students on the opportunities associated with the industry.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson