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The Honorable Kevin de León Senator, State of California State Capitol, Room 205 Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

RE: Support for SB 518

Dear Senator de León:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for SB 518, which would continue the allocation of funds in the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund through fiscal year 2022–23

After the passage of Proposition 39, Cleantech San Diego, in partnership with SDG&E, launched the K-12 Schools Sustainability Strategy Collaborative (K-12 SSSC) to provide a forum for San Diego school districts to work together, rather than in isolation, to identify and secure approvals for Proposition 39 Energy Expenditure Plans (EEP). The focus of this collaborative has been to streamline preparation of the EEPs and share best practices in energy conservation to accelerate energy and cost reduction goals while stimulating job creation.

We are pleased to report that as of the end of 2016, the San Diego region has a total of 102 approved EEPs that have received \$86 million in Proposition 39 grant allocations. These grants are being applied to a broad variety of energy upgrades at 371 school sites and will deliver 33 million kWh in annual energy savings and 8.7 MW in demand reduction.

The San Diego region is clearly achieving the intended benefits of the Clean Energy Jobs Act, and Cleantech San Diego thanks you for supporting the continuation of the program.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson President and CEO Cleantech San Diego