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May 9, 2017

Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
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Honorable John Culberson  
Chairman  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Honorable José Serrano  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce,  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Shaheen, Chairman Culberson, and Ranking Member Serrano:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, I would like to thank you for your leadership and commitment on the Senate and House Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Subcommittees to advance scientific research in recent years. As you consider funding for basic research and mission driven science programs for FY 2018, I respectfully request you include the highest possible allocation for ocean, earth, and geosciences funded by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and National Science Foundation (NSF) respectively.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We support the cleantech industry by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region. We believe investments in geoscience grow U.S. job opportunities, economic competitiveness, military capabilities, infrastructure innovation and management, natural hazard preparedness and response, and technical dominance in diverse areas of national interest.

I recognize the tough decisions and budget constraints under which you are working to maintain fiscal responsibility. However, I ask you to also recognize that funding for science is a sound investment in technological innovation, economic growth, hazard management, job creation, and maintaining our nation's economic competitiveness.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and for your continued dedication to securing America's technological and economic dominance through investment in earth and geoscience research.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson  
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Cleantech San Diego