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The Honorable Christine Kehoe
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Kehoe,

On behalf of CleanTECH San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for the CPUC's Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP). The SGIP has been a successful tool to help California achieve its goals of installing localized energy and lowering pollution emissions. The program has helped customers throughout California make the choice to implement sustainable technology to create clean, localized energy and thereby reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit trade association focused on supporting San Diego's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector members such as Bank of America, ClearEdge Power, General Electric, Waste Management, Honeywell International, Synthetic Genomics, and Kyocera Solar, as well as local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutes. We are intensely interested in programs that support the adoption of technologies to ensure that we maximize the potential benefit of the clean energy economy in our region.

As you well know, the SGIP is such a program and has definitely helped build California's green economy and make it a national leader in driving the implementation of sustainable technology. Since its inception, the SGIP has been a competitive, technology-neutral program that has allowed Californians to choose the clean energy solution that meets their needs. The program has also helped accelerate market adoption by lowering the initial costs to end users and these users in turn have helped promote the successful early applications of the technology. This is the way an incentive program should work.

Most California clean energy companies recognize that technology neutrality in policies and programs like the SGIP is critical to ensure that the state's environmental goals are met and that the clean energy economy continues to grow.

I appreciate your dedication to these issues, and your efforts in the past to continue this program, and respectfully encourage you to continue to work to ensure the SGIP program funding is re-authorized. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Bicker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Bicker