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RE: Letter of Support for CONNECT regarding SBA ScaleUP America Grant

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of CleanTECH San Diego, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for CONNECT's application for the SBA ScaleUp America program.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. The organization achieves this by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region. CleanTECH San Diego's membership includes more than 100 local businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for benefit of the economy and the environment.

In support of CONNECT's efforts, CleanTECH San Diego will actively assist CONNECT by identifying small businesses in the CleanTECH San Diego database that would benefit from entrepreneurial education, Springboard mentoring, and access to capital efforts provided by CONNECT. We will also assist small businesses by providing connections to executives, management talent, and potential advisory board members who can help small businesses achieve critical business milestones.

We are pleased to support CONNECT in this endeavor, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson
President
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