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The Honorable Howard P. McKeon
Chairman
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2120 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Navy Reprogramming Request for Defense – Advanced Biofuel Scale-Up
Demonstration Program**

Dear Chairman McKeon:

Please accept this letter as one of support for the Department of the Navy's request to reprogram \$170 million to participate in the Department of Defense (DOD) initiative to scale-up production of a new domestic source of advanced drop-in biofuels to power military and commercial transportation. These monies will competitively fund technologies to advance biofuels production and assist the United States in reducing its dependence on foreign oil.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit associated focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes the private sector such as General Atomics, Sapphire Energy, Synthetic Genomics, as well as local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutes such as UC San Diego and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

San Diego is known throughout the world as a leader in biofuels research and development. The private sector companies mentioned above are a few examples of corporations that are successfully producing biofuels at a small scale and view the DOD initiative as a pathway to validate the production of commercial quantities at a competitive price. Upon successful "scale-up" to demonstration size in the next three to four years, these companies and the U.S. advanced biofuels industry will be positioned to commercialize the technologies and meet the Department of the Navy's 2016 (20M gallons) and 2020 (300M gallons) demand for renewable maritime/aviation fuels.

I am pleased to offer CleanTECH San Diego's full support of the Department of Navy's request and the DOD initiative. A domestic source of fuels is not only important to our national security, but is also key to the future of our cleantech economy. Your support of this program will provide the needed resource to allow for the success of the U.S.' advanced biofuels industry.

Sincerely,

Jason Anderson