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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the University of San Diego's Shiley-Marcos School of Engineering's proposal to the National Science Foundation. This proposal will revolutionize engineering education while better preparing engineering students to enter the engineering profession.

Cleantech San Diego is a business association focused on accelerating the greater San Diego region's transition to a clean energy economy. We have a broad and diverse membership that includes private sector companies, local governments, nongovernmental agencies, and universities and research institutions. Our programs are designed to accelerate the adoption of clean technologies and sustainable business practices, support early-stage cleantech companies, and deliver value to the marketplace. We serve over 100 member organizations and have an excellent track record of supporting the transition of technology development from our regional research institutions, engaging with the 800+ cleantech companies in the San Diego and Imperial County regions, and designing educational programs to help prepare the workforce to meet the needs of the cleantech industry.

If this proposal is successful, Cleantech San Diego will participate on an advisory committee associated with the University of San Diego's effort to help shape the professional skills that students will learn as part of this new curriculum.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson
President
Cleantech San Diego