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The Honorable David Alvarez
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City Administration Building
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Re: City of San Diego's Draft Climate Action Plan

Dear Chairman Alvarez,

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for the City of San Diego's July 2015 Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP). We encourage the advancement of this important document and look forward to its passage.

As you know, Cleantech San Diego was founded in 2007 to position the greater San Diego region as a globally recognized leader in the innovation and adoption of clean technologies and sustainable business practices that benefit the economy and the environment. While we continue to make significant strides to maintain our cleantech leadership, the San Diego region must take additional steps to remain competitive and relevant in today's clean energy market. The adoption of a CAP by the City of San Diego is an important part of our regional efforts.

Cleantech San Diego knows that, paired with state policies and regulations, the City's CAP will create opportunities for job creation while protecting our environment. In fact, the think tank Next 10 recently released a study showing that energy policies that promote energy efficiency and reduce costs are contributing to the state's economy. Consumers are saving money, communities are benefiting, air quality is improving, and businesses are growing.

Thank you for your leadership and for your commitment to these issues. San Diego's economy, environment, and quality of life will be better because of it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson
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