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Erica Mackie  
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Dear Ms. Mackie:

**MISSION:**

To accelerate  
clean technology  
innovation and  
adoption of sustainable  
business practices  
for the benefit of  
the economy and  
the environment

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter of support for GRID Alternatives' bid for the statewide Program Administrator of the Disadvantaged Communities – Single-family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) program.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit member organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We achieve 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. Our members include more than 100 local businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy and the environment.

Cleantech San Diego is proud supporter of GRID Alternatives and the Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) program. Across the San Diego region, we have witnessed how the solar electric systems installed through this program have benefited residents in our local community. The SASH program has enabled low-income residents in the San Diego region to afford solar technologies and be part of the growing green movement in California. The SASH program has also provided local solar job seekers with critical opportunities for hands-on training in the growing field of solar installation.

The new DAC-SASH program builds off the success of SASH and continues to promote equity in solar by allowing low-income families living in underserved communities to access money-saving solar technologies that they otherwise would be unable to afford. DAC-SASH also creates valuable hands-on training and employment opportunities in solar installation that benefit all of our communities.

Cleantech San Diego proudly supports GRID Alternatives' vision to implement DAC-SASH in a way that maximizes the benefits to Californians who most need the savings, while including robust job training and local hiring initiatives, and building broad community engagement. Through our experience working with GRID Alternatives, we believe GRID has the necessary skills and experience to effectively implement and administer DAC-SASH statewide, and that they will do so in a manner that maximizes the value to participants and communities.

We enthusiastically support GRID's bid to administer the DAC-SASH program and look forward to working with you to help make this statewide program successful.

Sincerely,

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

Jason Anderson  
President and CEO  
Cleantech San Diego