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Dr. John Love  
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**RE: Support for San Diego State University – Imperial Valley Proposal for Regional Algal Feedstock Testbed**

Dear Dr. Love:

On behalf of CleanTECH San Diego, I am pleased to express my support for your proposal to use San Diego State University (SDSU)-Imperial Valley's Center for Energy Sustainability and Combined Power's Hyperlight™ system as a Regional Algal Feedstock Testbed.

CleanTECH San Diego is a nonprofit 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, as well as local governments, nongovernmental agencies and universities and research institutions, including SDSU.

The greater San Diego region, including Imperial Valley, is becoming a leading center for the development of renewable fuels and petrochemical products from algae and other bio sources. The region possesses unique and diverse assets that transcend both the cleantech and biotech sectors, contributing to the success. In fact, the San Diego Association of Governments completed a study in 2012, commissioned by CleanTECH San Diego and Bank of America, which showed the algae industry, even in its early stage, contributes over \$157 million in economic activity and over 1005 jobs to the San Diego region. The continued development of this industry will help the region, state and nation achieve energy independence and greenhouse gas reductions while creating jobs across the economic spectrum, including high-skill, high-wage and agricultural jobs.

SDSU is a model of leadership and education within the community and has a history of performance using public-private-academic collaborative models to accelerate commercialization of new technologies. We have followed with great interest SDSU's rise to become a national leader in the development of new generations of entrepreneurs and cutting edge technologies to drive the green economy.

With SDSU's history in both Imperial and San Diego Counties, excellence in research and service to all students, especially veterans and those of Hispanic descent, I feel confident that the Department of Energy will review your proposal positively.

CleanTECH San Diego looks forward to providing our support to the Regional Algal Feedstock Testbed.

Best Regards,

Jason Anderson