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To: The State of California Public Utilities Commission

Re: Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC)

Cleantech San Diego is pleased to submit this letter of support of Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) serving as the host agency coordinating the grant application submitted by the Southern Border Broadband Consortium (SBBC) for the California Advanced Services (CASF) Regional Consortia Grants.

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.

If awarded this grant, SBBC and the project partners will improve affordable high-speed Internet access in Imperial County and San Diego to residents, businesses, schools, libraries, medical facilities, and local government offices.

These crucial improvements will help alleviate lack of access to capital and bring awareness of broadband services and current infrastructure while working together with local businesses, residences, and public officials in bringing broadband into their local area.

We strongly express our support of IVEDC as the host agency coordinating the SBBC application for the CASF Regional Consortia Grants. If you should have questions regarding Cleantech San Diego and our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego