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AVAIO PBGF Support Letter - Assemblymember Avila Farias

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Ali Jahani, Project Manager
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Dear Ms. Jahani:

As the Assemblymember representing Pittsburg and its surrounding communities, I am writing in strong support of the AVAIO Pittsburg Backup Generating Facility at the Pittsburg Data Hub. This project represents a major investment in District 15—one that will drive innovation, create good-paying union jobs, and strengthen the foundation of our regional economy.

The AVAIO proposal calls for the installation of thirty-seven 3-megawatt diesel-fired backup generators across a 22-acre site. These generators are designed exclusively to ensure reliability in the event of a power disruption, safeguarding operations and preventing interruptions that could affect critical data services. The project has undergone extensive review at both the state and municipal levels, confirming that its construction and operation will have negligible environmental impacts. Its next step depends on a Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) from the California Energy Commission, allowing AVAIO to proceed under local approval.

We stand at a pivotal moment in California's economic transformation—one increasingly defined by the demand for secure, efficient, and innovative data infrastructure. Pittsburg has long served as a center of industry, and this project represents a natural evolution toward modern, technology-driven industrial development. By advancing this facility, we strengthen our region's role in shaping the next generation of California's economy.

Equally important, this project will bring meaningful economic and workforce benefits. Its construction will generate new union jobs, support skilled trade apprenticeship programs, and open pathways for local job training and workforce participation. Collaboration between the business community, organized labor, and local government will ensure these opportunities are inclusive and enduring—building both economic resilience and community pride.

Once operational, the AVAIO facility will continue to provide lasting economic benefits, helping to attract additional investment and innovation to Pittsburg and across Contra Costa County.

In all, the AVAIO Pittsburg Backup Generating Facility represents a forward-looking project that balances technological progress with local economic opportunity. I strongly urge the

California Energy Commission to grant its expeditious approval so this important project can move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anamarie Ávila Farías". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

ANAMARIE ÁVILA FARÍAS
Assemblymember, 15th District