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Support for REICs and SCEIN

My name is Cyrus Rustomji, Chief Science Officer at South 8 Technologies, Inc. We are an energy startup that has directly benefited from Cleantech San Diego's Southern California Energy Innovation Network (SCEIN).

By connecting startups with utilities, investors, government agencies, labor, and academia, REICs serve as the critical local 'on-ramps' that bring energy innovation from the research and development stage into the market to create a more efficient and thriving clean energy economy.

For 10 years, SCEIN and the other REICs have been established, nimble, and highly-effective drivers of the EPIC program's goals. Continuing to fund them should be a top priority given their proven expertise.

As federal support for clean energy faces uncertainty, it is more important than ever that California continues its nationwide leadership in energy innovation by sustaining investment in the proven, regional programs that deliver real economic and environmental results.

Thank you,

Cyrus Rustomji