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## **Support of REICs**

Startups are the lifeblood of the innovations needed to address much of the topics discussed today, they ensure that billions of federal and private dollars funnel into California's ecosystem for the benefit of Californians. REICs have demonstrated themselves as critical support infrastructure for those innovators and I would like to lend my voice to the many others heard during the live information session on 6/11 in support of REICs and I hope the CEC addresses their continued operation in EPIC 5 so our startup ecosystem remains funded and state-of-the-art.