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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Dear California Energy Commission:

Thank you for your commitment to clean energy. I'm writing to support the **Southern California Energy Innovation Network (SCEIN)** as Director of The Brink SBDC at University of San Diego – a California designated Innovation Hub with over 1,000 startups and \$1B capital infusion, spanning early ideas to IPO.

We are a partner organization with Cleantech San Diego supporting regional energy entrepreneurs. At the Brink we **accelerate innovation** in deep tech and work closely with SCEIN – advising startups from EV charging, solar & battery tech to sustainable data centers and AI.

We do this all with limited resources but unlimited passion, expertise, and capital efficiency. Collectively, we connect startups with investors, government agencies and grants, utilities, academia, and industry experts.

SCEIN is a vital accelerator for energy innovation, from R&D to commercialization – and CEC funding is essential to maintain our local clean energy economy. I'll add, from my perspectives as a Technical Advisor, active investor, and former cleantech CEO, I see the 2030 plan as a perfect example of **how we position California as a world leader** in advanced energy tech.

All the best,

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