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Dear California Energy Commission

My name is Abigail Beckert and I am a senior at the California State University, Channel Islands. I have had the opportunity to speak to the Commission twice regarding the Puente Project, most recently on February 9, 2017. I am writing now because I want to reiterate how important this project is to me and my community.

I work and live on campus as a Resident Assistant(RA). With this job comes a lot of responsibility and training. Part of my training is how to deal with critical situations like power outages that affect our roughly 1,700 on campus residents. Power outages have been known to occur during the cold and wet winter months and during the humid and hot summers. We are a campus that services on campus residents year round.

While these events donâ€™t happen consistently, it is a threat that we have to be prepared for. Especially considering that many of our residents are students who live miles away from their families (like myself) and are trying to complete their education.

As an RA and a resident of Ventura County, I would feel much more comfortable for my campus and my residents knowing that I can rely on local power rather than waiting for extra power from Los Angeles.

By supporting the Puente Project you will be helping to provide reliable power that prevents our grid from being overworked. There are over 9 million people that live in Los Angeles county and over 800,000 people that live here in Ventura County. We all need reliable power.

I ask that you support good energy for our community and support this project.

Thank you,
Abigail Beckert
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