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Comments of Rising Sun Energy Center on the Revised SB 350 Barriers Report (Part A)

Rising Sun Energy Center supports the Commission's adoption of the revised 350 Barriers Report, and is pleased to see many of our comments reflected in the report; and in particular, Brightline Defense's recommendation for the creation of a Green Workforce Fund.

We join the clarifying comments submitted by the GREEN-EEFA Coalition, including but not limited to the added language of a "program-alignment" taskforce with new emphasis on aligning low-income eligibility requirements, the suggestion that Recommendation 3 "should be connected to a [separate] chapter dedicated to workforce, education, & training-specific barriers, rather than small business barriers", and clarifications around the establishment of "common metrics" to develop and track progress towards "outcome-oriented goals".

In addition, we also join the comments submitted by the BlueGreen Alliance and Others related to the importance of emphasizing access to high-quality green jobs, with training that leads "to employment opportunities and family-sustaining, career-track jobs" that include, but are not limited to, local small businesses.

Rising Sun again thanks the CEC for its commitment to this topic, for the recommendations proposed, and for the opportunity to comment and engage in this process.

Sincerely,

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About Rising Sun Energy Center

Rising Sun is a nonprofit workforce development organization operating since 1994 that provides green training and employment opportunities to youth and low-income adults, and that offers free residential energy efficiency and water conservation assessments, installations,

and education to renters and homeowners in six Bay Area and Central Valley counties. Rising Sun runs two primary programs: California Youth Energy Services (CYES), which employs local youth to provide Green House Calls in their communities, and Green Energy Training Services (GETS), a pre-apprenticeship training, case management, and job placement program that prepares low-income adults who experience barriers to employment for careers in construction, energy efficiency, solar, and the building trades.