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Support for AB 525

Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioner Vaccaro,

As a major company and employer in California, I write to share Numi Organic Tea's support for ambitious state offshore wind deployment targets through the AB 525 implementation process. We specifically urge the Energy Commission to set bold deployment targets of 5 GW by 2030 and 20 GW by 2045, with minimum requirements of at least 3 GW by 2030 and 10 GW by 2045. Ambitious targets will initiate the state's opportunity to capture the economic and clean air benefits of this industry, an especially valuable boost as California grapples with the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Climate change poses a significant risk to our long-term economic success, impacts the health and livelihood of the communities in which we operate and live, and disrupts the value chains on which we rely. We are already feeling the effects of climate change across the West – from increased heat waves and extreme wildfires to drought and hazardous air quality. Because of these risks, we are making significant commitments and investments to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and invest in clean energy resources, as a Climate Neutral Certified Brand.

Offshore wind is an important clean energy resource and the development of offshore wind in California can create another pathway for us to meet our sustainability goals. This is why we joined 12 of our peers in support of AB 525's passage (see support letter here - https://ceres.my.salesforce.com/sfc/p/#A0000000ZqYY/a/5c0000005rED/CuS488VJaPr6e6x_P7JOKxGrHcvLxvk5G0eLNxN4ZS1).

We urge you to set bold deployment targets that meet the urgency required at this moment. Targets of 5 GW by 2030 and 20 GW by 2045 will initiate California's opportunity to capture the economic benefits of the offshore wind industry, while ensuring that the state meets its renewable energy and climate goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,
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