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Letter of Support

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RE: Support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01)

Dear Mr. Bohan,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my full support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project (23-AFC-01) proposed in Imperial County. This project holds immense promise for our region and aligns seamlessly with our commitment to sustainable energy development and economic growth in the Imperial Valley.

As Chair of the California State Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee, I have had the privilege of working closely with organizations and initiatives dedicated to advancing our state's clean energy goals. It is with this perspective that I endorse the Morton Bay Geothermal Project and its potential contributions to our shared vision of a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

The Morton Bay Geothermal Project represents a crucial leap in harnessing geothermal energy's potential for our state's clean energy objectives. Its continuous energy generation will ensure grid reliability and accelerate California's shift toward clean and carbon-free electricity. The projected capital investment of \$750 million to \$1.3 billion is poised to create over 560 construction jobs and 61 permanent positions, profoundly boosting our local workforce, economy, and tax revenue. This project's benefits extend beyond economics, fostering community prosperity through its commitment to local businesses and sustainable practices.

It is with these factors in mind that I extend my full support for the Morton Bay Geothermal Project. Your evaluation and support of this project will undoubtedly contribute to our shared goal of creating a cleaner, more sustainable energy future for California. If you require further information, please feel free to contact my office at (760) 355-8656.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Garcia
Assemblymember, District 36