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## **HECA**

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Jacob Brown and I am a life-long resident of Bakersfield, CA in Kern County. I attended the public hearings held out in Buttonwillow earlier this month and wanted to write to you in support of the Hydrogen Energy California project. I saw some opposition on the first night but strong support on the second night. I tried to keep track and there were well over 30 speakers in support of the project on the second night alone.

I disagree with what much of the opposition has said because if you really listen to their arguments, they seem to lack facts. Many people were concerned about air quality but I don't think that the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution and Control District would permit a project if it were bad for our air. We have really started to crack down on our emissions already and the environmental studies show that HECA will not have any significant effects on our air.

People also argued that HECA will drink up all the water in Kern County. As far as I'm concerned, the non-potable water that HECA will purchase can't be used for farming and isn't safe to drink. It actually sounds like their use of this water will make clean water easier to reach.

I believe that HECA will be a responsible neighbor and is a good project for Kern County. It is time that we start approving projects like HECA. Alternative energy is the only answer for the future. I'm in my twenties, and know that my generation is ready for positive change. We're capable of getting there but we need your help to set a precedent by permitting projects like HECA. Thank you.