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HECA Support Letter

Dear CEC Staff,

I am writing to express to you that I think HECA is a good idea for Kern County's economy. Our unemployment rate for the county is too high. It seems like every time I open the paper, there is some article about all the homeless people in Bakersfield. The fact is, we're hurting and we need to put our people back to work, so let's do it. HECA has said that their goal is to hire local, if applicants are skilled enough to meet their needs.

Kern County has a big construction industry so I'm sure those 2,000 plus jobs will go to locals. If you really think about it, this project won't just help 2,000 people, but it will help their families too. Families need school supplies, groceries, diapers and all the sales tax those things will generate will go right back into Kern County. And it's not like this project will be built in a day, probably not even a year. That means these 2,000 or more workers can get a long-term, stable job, which something that isn't common anymore.

Please do Kern County a favor and support the HECA project. We really need it to help our community recover from these hard economic times so please approve this permit and let this project help Kern County grow.

Ryan