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California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee
111 Sutter Street, 21st Floor
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Subject: Electric Program Investment Charge for K-12 Schools

Dear Facilitator:

I am writing to strongly urge the California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee (CAEECC) to consider a K-12 energy efficiency in school programs or a Statewide Public Schools Partnership similar to the one for UC/CSU in the upcoming business/investment plans for Program Administrators (PA)/Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) per the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC).

We believe there is an opportunity to invest in two areas of great impact for California's K-12 students: Subject: Consider EPIC funding for K-12 schools

- 1.) Implementation of energy efficiency in existing K-12 facilities to greatly assist school districts in driving to Zero Net Energy (ZNE) goals by 2030; and
- 2.) The opportunity to implement actual "workforce" (not K-12 students) "training"— both in building technical capacity within existing facilities operations/ energy management staff, such as through the Building Operator Certification (BOC), or other training programs, and training of our future workforce in energy management, environmental controls, advanced lighting, renewable energy systems, and commissioning, through community colleges or trade programs.

Specifically, we would respectfully request that you consider a proposal to provide Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) funding to schools to continue the work schools have started with Proposition 39, or to potentially create a new Statewide K-12 Public Schools Partnership in each of the PA Business/Investment Plans. This funding would be used to make schools more energy efficient and pay for deep energy retrofits in the over 700,000,000 square feet of building portfolio, (the largest single Public Sector aggregate of greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction potential in the State).

Our goal is to build on the good work we have started under Proposition 39. We have just scratched the surface with energy efficiency and renewable projects through the funding made available from the Clean Energy Jobs Fund which is slated to end in mid- 2018. This program has gone a long way to collect data and to identify projects that could get schools closer to ZNE – but schools need an ongoing source of funding to really move toward the deeper retrofits and renewable installations that would help them meet that goal.

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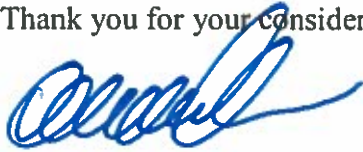
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We look forward to working together, through CAEECC, and with our other State partner organizations, to meaningfully include K-12 schools so they may capture maximum energy efficiency, and create highly visible centers of resilience in our local school communities.

We would like to thank the CAEECC for giving us this opportunity to give voice our concerns how to expend billions of dollars in Public Goods Charges statewide, over the next funding period, 2017-2025.

If you have any questions please contact Orin Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities & Governmental Relations at Santa Ana USD (714-480-5356 orin.williams@sausd.us).

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,



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