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Dear Facilitator-

I am writing on behalf of the SF Unified School District (SFUSD) to strongly urge the California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee (CAEECC) to consider a K-12 energy efficiency program for schools.

K-12 schools as a building sector have seen very little investment from the Local Government Program/Public Sector funding, yet thanks to Prop 39 funds, many districts are making some exciting efficiency upgrades as we speak. In our district, we are advancing the conversion to LED lighting, upgrading heating and lighting controls at numerous sites, and supporting the construction of one new school and the modernization of another to Zero Net Energy (ZNE) standards.

Unfortunately, Prop 39 funding will end in the next couple of years and all this progress will come to an abrupt end. That's why we hope you'll consider providing EPIC funding to school districts to ensure that the energy savings continue to roll in. It would also be great if this funding could be used to build the technical capacity of our facilities staff so that it can maintain the new systems in an efficient way. And because we have precious few years left to meet our State's ambitious 40% reduction target for 2030, it would be a great time to incentive ZNE construction via these funds specifically.

I look forward to speaking in favor of these proposals and sharing our experience at SFUSD. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at the numbers below.

Thank you.

-Nik

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