



April 23, 2008

Assemblymember Anna Caballero
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0028

RE: Letter in Support AB 2176

Dear Assemblymember Caballero,

The San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO) would like to offer its support for AB 2176. The energy efficiency grants administered through the provisions of this bill would provide valuable resources to enable impacted jurisdictions in our region to make needed energy efficiency improvements to help tackle our economic, environmental and growth challenges. Many of our jurisdictions currently lack technical and financial resources needed to identify and capture these energy efficiency opportunities.

The SJVCEO is dedicated to helping the eight county region of the San Joaquin Valley significantly increase its use and reliance on clean energy (i.e. energy efficiency and renewable energy sources). The SJVCEO is currently undertaking a number of start-up activities. One of our priority areas of focus has been to support efforts to "green" the Valley's communities. The partnership that the SJVCEO has established with Visalia to increase its clean energy investments will be a model for engaging communities across the region. A key strength of the SJVCEO is our large and diverse board, which contains senior representatives from each county in the Valley, and has a strong united vision for a clean energy future for the region. Another source of our strength is our close working relationship with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley -- an unprecedented public-private collaboration created by the governor which is focused on improving the region's quality of life for the 3.4 million residents who call the San Joaquin Valley home.

We are pleased to support AB 2176 and efforts to ensure that underserved communities in the San Joaquin Valley can access clean energy resources to help them address their economic and air quality challenges. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rollie Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

Rollie Smith
SJVCEO Board Chair

cc: San Joaquin Valley Delegation
Governor Schwarzenegger