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Congress of the United States
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August 14, 2023

The Honorable Gina Raimondo
Secretary Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230

RE: Letter of Support for the Lithium Valley Clean Tech Hub Application

Dear Secretary Raimondo:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the Lithium Valley Cleantech Hub. As a representative for California's 39th Congressional District, I recognize the immense potential that the Lithium Valley Cleantech Hub will bring to this region, allowing it to become a global hub for the extraction, battery development, manufacturing, and recovery of lithium within ten years through significant investments in infrastructure, workforce, and innovation that will drive economic growth, and empower the community.

The Lithium Valley Cleantech Hub will provide a collaborative effort encompassing a diverse range of partners, including academic institutions, industry leaders, local and state government, tribal governments, and non-profit organizations, all unified by a shared vision of driving innovation, economic growth, and social progress in the Lithium Valley region and the entire Inland Empire.

The activities and programs championed by the Lithium Valley Clean Tech Hub will play a pivotal role in catalyzing the commercialization of research breakthroughs in emerging technologies and will unleash significant investments in the region.

In conclusion, I reiterate my support for The Lithium Valley Sustainable Energy Tech Hub. I am enthusiastic about the potential for regional growth, technological advancement, and improved quality of life that this promises. Your full and fair consideration of this request with current laws, rules, regulations and agency policy will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my Senior Field Representative, Tiffany Alvarez (Tiffany.Alvarez@mail.house.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano
Member of Congress