



CITY OF OCEANSIDE

April 9, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kamala Harris
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN ENERGY INNOVATION ACT OF 2020 (SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO S. 2657)

Dear Senators Feinstein and Harris:

On behalf of the City of Oceanside, I write to request your support for the American Energy Innovation Act (AEIA) of 2020. The legislation is a compilation of more than 50 energy-related measures considered and individually reported by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee last year. Numerous provisions within this comprehensive legislation are of importance to the City of Oceanside, including: energy efficiency; renewable energy; energy storage; carbon capture, utilization, and storage; industrial and vehicle technologies, cyber and grid security and modernization; and workforce development.

Specific provisions that would benefit our City include: (1) measures to promote energy efficiency in schools, nonprofit hospitals, schools, churches, and other nonresidential buildings; (2) the authorization of \$350 million annually for FYs 2021—2025 for solar energy research, demonstration, and commercialization programs; (3) the authorization of \$270 million annually for FYs 2021—2025 to promote large-scale commercial deployment of energy storage technologies, energy storage system demonstration projects to improve infrastructure security and emergency response, optimize transmission and distribution, a long-duration demonstration initiative that includes energy storage projects; and technical and planning assistance related to procuring energy storage systems by municipal agencies and utilities; (4) the authorization of \$200 million annually for FYs 2021—2029 for several programs to modernize the electrical grid; (5) the establishment of a new program to provide technical assistance to local governments to support adoption of emissions reduction technologies; and (6) the authorization of \$15 million for a smart energy and water efficiency pilot program to provide grants to utilities, municipalities, and water districts to demonstrate technology-based solutions to improve the net energy balance of water and wastewater systems.

We are encouraged by this legislation and hope this bill becomes law. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect our environment and your leadership in the Senate.

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss
Mayor

cc: Oceanside City Council