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The Solar Foundation
600 14th St. NW #400
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Philip Haddix:

This letter is respectfully being submitted to memorialize the Inyo County Board of Supervisors' support for participating in the Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) program.

As a SPARC designated community the County of Inyo, California, could greatly benefit from the technical assistance to develop a stronger solar market by improving relationships with local energy providers and refining policies and procedures to encourage the use of solar energy by County residences and business.

Inyo County participated in the Southwest Solar Transformation Initiative (SSTI) that was part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge. Inyo County has the distinction of being the top community on the SSTI Roadmap, Leader Board, for the efforts it has already made to make solar development for local residences and businesses as easy as possible.

Inyo County would like to further these efforts by finding more ways to lower the soft costs to the community in setting up private solar systems, especially for people who live in the more rural areas of the County and for those with lower incomes. SPARC technical assistance could also help the County create ways to set up a Community Choice Aggregation program for communities/neighborhoods that are interested.

Inyo County looks forward to working with the US Department of Energy's Sun Shot Initiative as a SPARC community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Griffiths - Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

cc:

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Inyo County Administrative Officer