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Dear Chairman Briggs and fellow Supervisors,

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce (TahoeChamber). The Chamber has over 650 members, drawn principally from California businesses located in Lake Tahoe jurisdictions.

At the most recent meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors, it considered the implementation of an Energy District, as defined in State enabling statutes, for counties and cities within the Chamber's core geographical areas. The Board is unanimously in support and urges you to consider the adoption of appropriate local legislation to facilitate its creation.

As I am sure you are aware, the County of Sacramento has successfully utilized such legislation. It permits land owners to obtain 100% long term financing to construct energy efficient improvements, including solar, roofs, lighting systems, insulation, industrial equipment and motors. multi-pane windows and water efficiency measures. Commercial, industrial, residential, retail, and multi-family properties are all eligible.

The creation of the District will precipitate clean, green infrastructure improvements with utility and maintenance savings. Infrastructure is of critical concern to our local economy and this program provides another arrow in our quiver to meet the challenges of staying competitive in California and broader markets.

If the Chamber can assist you in any manner in bringing this Energy District to fruition, do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely.

Betty "B" Gorman President & CEO

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