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Supervisor Ron Briggs, District Four
330 Fair Lane
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RE: Ygrene Energy Fund-Clean Energy El Dorado County Program

Dear Supervisor Briggs,

El Dorado Builders Exchange, a building industry coalition founded in 1959, supports retrofitting our current building industry to make it more energy and water efficient. Specifically, we support *Ygrene Energy Fund* in their effort to create an El Dorado county-wide district to finance clean energy building retrofits through the authority of SB 555 (Mello-Roos).

Providing a viable means to finance clean energy retrofits will be an instant job creator for the County and will immediately lead to more jobs for our local building industry membership. Currently, several members of the El Dorado Builders Exchange have acquired certification in the Ygrene program.

Creating a fully-funded regional clean energy retrofit market with uniform underwriting standards, will give this new program scalability and minimize potential market confusion. Ygrene's commitment to a successful program includes a "Lead Generated" software platform for contractors, as well as the construction of the *Ygrene Energy Center*- the physical local presence of the program where our members can learn more about the financing and collaborate with property owners on potential projects.

We recognize and greatly appreciate the County's efforts to offer such an innovative financing program to its property owners that will get our vital industry back to work. Our organization is confident that the County will be making the right decision by allowing Ygrene Energy Fund to administer a clean energy financing district in El Dorado County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry Homme
Board President
El Dorado Builders Exchange