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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association, San Diego Chapter and its Board of Directors, I would like to register my strong concern with the proposal to impose tariffs on foreign-made solar panels.

As union contractors and patriotic Americans, our members are strongly inclined to support American manufacturers and employees whenever possible. However, the number of Americans employed in the manufacturing of solar panels is dwarfed by the number employed in installing those panels. Just one large project in our Imperial Valley can last up to two years and provide full-time employment for upwards of 1,000 hard-working Californians.

Increasing the cost of solar panels through the imposition of tariffs will make the industry non-competitive in terms of price and result in hundreds, if not thousands, of job layoffs just in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

I implore you to reconsider any action that would potentially save hundreds of jobs while most assuredly costing thousands of Americans theirs.

Sincerely,

Andy Berg

Executive Director