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Ms. Menasco,

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Thank you.

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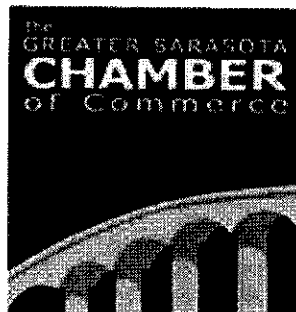
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On behalf of The Chamber's officers, including our Green Business Leadership Committee Chair Nick Gladding, please allow me to provide input regarding the this important issue. Our organization is comprised of 2,000 employers that provide over 70,000 jobs to area residents. The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce (GSCC) is committed to building a "greener" sustainable community and diversifying our local economy. Effective and ambitious implementation of renewable energy technologies is a priority strategy toward achieving this broadly supported goal. The GSCC is proud of the fact that Florida Power and Light is placing the largest solar array in the state on our Rothenbach Park, and that our county is developing landfill gas to energy projects on our landfills and is exploring a potential project to deploy solar hot water heaters on homes around our community. Our citizens have identified renewable energy as a priority at their community environmental summit held in February and set a goal of 50 percent of homes with solar hot water heaters within 5 years. These initiatives and others will be key to developing local demand for renewable energy and building the potential for green jobs in our economy, and The Chamber's Green Business Leadership Committee has embraced these and other forward-thinking initiatives.

As the Public Service Commission considers the details of the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), we would like to express support for a strong standard that would increase the local opportunities for renewable energy in communities like ours. With a requirement of 20 percent of generation being driven by non-petroleum, non-natural gas sources by 2020, utilities and customers could be presented with the incentives necessary to overcome market barriers and implement alternate fuel/power sourced energy projects at a scale that would boost local economic opportunities in the industry and help achieve sustainable energy goals in the near term. In moving towards this better-balanced energy mix of the future, we ask that the PSC be mindful of the potentially damaging impacts that very large, very rapid, or very unpredictably business/commercial rate increases could have on our economy and employment base, and therefore on tax revenues to governmental entities at various levels.

Our community/market area is particularly interested in the inclusion of solar hot water offsets of electric generation. This technology has been identified by our citizens as a key tool in the implementation of renewable energy, with proven technology, rapid payback, and significant energy potential. The inclusion of solar hot water heating in the Renewable Portfolio Standard would be critical to the achievement of our community's solar thermal goals.

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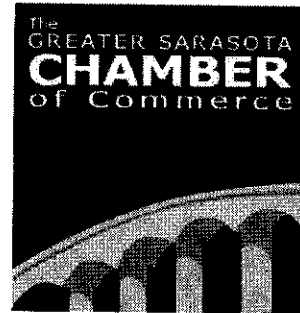
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Queior". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent initial "S".

Stephen Queior, CCE
President

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