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Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords 502 Canon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Giffords,

Please accept this letter of support for the Community Food Bank's request to install solar panels at their facility.

The Community Food Bank fills a critical role in Pima County and southern Arizona as the primary source of emergency food for over 300 human service agencies. The Community Food Bank serves 33,000 people each week. By reducing the cost of energy for the food bank, the solar installation will help the Community Food Bank meet the ever increasing need for emergency food.

During this past year, the Community Food Bank experienced a 40% increase in the numbers of people seeking assistance – they responded successfully to this increase in demand and remained focused on distributing high quality, nutritious food.

I believe a project like this is also a good demonstration project. The solar will be installed at the Community Food Bank main site, meaning thousands of people will see the installation. We appreciate your focus on bringing solar industries to our region and believe this project will enhance those efforts.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bronson

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