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April Boling, Chair  
Board of Directors  
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority  
Third Floor, SDCRAA Administration Building  
3225 North Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Chairperson Boling:

I am writing to express Biocom's support for certification of the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for San Diego International Airport's Terminal 1 construction.

Biocom is the largest, most experienced leader and advocate for California's life science sector. We work on behalf of over 1,200 members to drive public policy, build a network of industry leaders, create access to capital, introduce cutting-edge STEM education programs, and create value-driven purchasing programs. The County of San Diego's life science cluster of over 1,500 establishments employs 66,000 people with an average salary of \$115,170, providing \$40 billion in annual economic activity.

Our industry relies on a modern, efficient transportation system to travel and do business nationally and globally. The San Diego International Airport depends on approval of the EIR to implement its Airport Development Plan, which includes replacement of Terminal 1 and runway reconstruction to increase the airport's capacity and equip it with safe, efficient, modern facilities that passengers and cargo shippers expect.

SAN is the busiest single-runway commercial airport in the nation. A new Terminal 1 will provide a more comfortable, convenient, and efficient travel experience for passengers. It will offer more gate-area seating, restaurants, and shops, as well as additional security checkpoints with more lanes and comprehensive energy-efficiency upgrades. These enhancements will help ensure that San Diego will continue to be a leader in the competitive global life science arena.

Biocom encourages certification of the final EIR for Terminal 1. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Joe Panetta, President & CEO  
Biocom

