

- My name is John Forst and I'm the owner of Design Fabrication, Inc a manufacturing business located here San Diego County but with clients throughout the country.
- Like other small and medium-sized business owners, I am very concerned about the rising cost for electricity. It's tough to compete in a global market place when my competitors have lower overhead costs and can offer products cheaper than I can.
- Following the energy crisis, many business owners contemplated leaving San Diego and the state in search of other areas where the cost of doing business is much less.
- But San Diego is my home. I've raised my family here and I want to keep my employees and their jobs here.
- However, we have to begin addressing our infrastructure needs head on – and that includes energy. Sure we hear more about our housing crisis or our traffic crisis or our water crisis. Those are critical issues too.
- Yet, if the power goes out, my manufacturing facilities stop production and I lose business – plain and simple.
- We need more energy infrastructure to ensure a reliable and affordable supply of electricity.
- That's why I support the Sunrise Powerlink. This power line will secure our region's energy future.
- Sure we also need more energy efficiency, and solar on rooftops and probably some new power plants too. But we also need new transmission lines that can import the power supplies we need to keep our businesses open and competitive.
- The Sunrise Powerlink won't solve all of our infrastructure problems, but it's a good start.
- On behalf of San Diego's small business owners, I ask for your support of this needed transmission line.