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Dear Valued Solar Cookers International Supporter,

It is an honor and privilege to lead the Solar Cookers International team on its mission as SCI's new Board President. I began volunteering with Solar Cookers International at the 6th SCI World Conference in Gujarat, India in January 2017. Being from India, I have seen firsthand some of the most incredible need, opportunity for impact, and successful examples of scalable solar cooking.

I am humbled to be taking on this role for such an impressive organization. With over 30 years of experience and the highest ranking by organizations such as the Better Business Bureau, Charity Navigator, and GuideStar, Solar Cookers International is a strong and effective leader. "Solar Cookers International has earned our third consecutive 4-star rating. This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way," wrote Charity Navigator's President.

SCI's Board of Directors has a strong and growing set of professional experience. This includes experienced Board Members, such as News 10 Meteorologist Monica Woods, who has been on the board since 2012, and newer additions such as Dr. Peg Barratt, Professor at George Washington University, who joined SCI's Board of Directors last year. Our board brings decades of experience from the public and private sector in technology, communications, policy, public health, environmentalism, and finance. This dedicated and diverse set of professional expertise keeps the organization moving forward in a thoughtful, coordinated, and impactful way. You can learn more about our board of directors at www.solarcookers.org/about/team/sci-board-directors.

SCI's growing successes are taking solar cooking to a whole new level, thanks to your support. We have identified more solar cookers than ever before, nearing the 4 million mark. And, SCI and solar cooking are creating awareness for solar cooking on an unprecedented scale, for example through positive press coverage in *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *Physics World*, and news outlets in Taiwan, Spain, France, and Latin America. The more people who know about solar cooking, the closer we are to making this clean cooking solution accessible to the 3 billion people who need it most.

SCI continues to lead the sector with developing, implementing, testing, and sharing best practices. This includes through the world's largest online database of solar cooking information (www.solarcooking.org) and through our on the ground work in places like Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. Designing and implementing collaborations for maximum safety, solar cooker adoption, impact, and sustainability continue to be SCI's highest priorities.

SCI is able to have this incredible impact and strong leadership because the staff, who are working tirelessly to implement your vision day in and day out, bring an incredibly high level of dedication and professionalism. The people and planet we are working to protect on your behalf deserve nothing but the best. SCI's Science Director Alan



Bigelow brings a Ph.D. in physics, and firsthand experience living abroad in areas still dependent on wood for cooking. And SCI's Development Manager Kitty Hoffman is the President-Elect of the Association of Fundraising Professionals California Capital Chapter, ensuring your gifts are handled with the utmost care and highest ethical standards.

SCI recognizes the urgency behind the many issues that solar cooking addresses; with staggering numbers of refugees and climate change happening at an unprecedented rate, we are working hard to bring the solar cooking solution to as many people as possible as quickly and sustainably as possible. We also recognize that with the size and complexity of these issues, these challenges will not be solved overnight, which is why we especially appreciate SCI's growing circle of committed Legacy Givers. They have such faith in this cause, they have made a commitment to continue supporting it even after their lifetime.

With simple and effective carbon-free solar cooking, we will improve human and environmental health globally, supporting all of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and minimizing the impact of climate change.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Solar Cookers International and this vital solution. So many of you have contributed in so many ways to this important cause; you have my sincerest gratitude. This organization continues to build upon its more than 30 years of success and the incredibly collaborative approach to effectively address these current and future global challenges. Thank you to the many volunteers, board members, and donors who have, and continue to, make these dreams a reality through your support.

If you have any questions, or would like to continue the conversation, feel free to reach me at President@solarcookers.org or reach SCI's Executive Director Caitlyn Hughes at Caitlyn.hughes@solarcookers.org or +1 916-455-4499.

SCI's success in improving human and environmental health with solar cooking is thanks to your kindness and generosity. We look forward to continuing this important journey with you.

Thank you,

[Read Dr. Shishpal Rawat's bio here](#)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Rawat", with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr. Shishpal Rawat

SCI Board President