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May 8, 2006

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to you today because, as you recently noted, America faces an energy crisis over its dependency on foreign sources of oil for transportation fuel. Like all great problems, however, America's sharply escalating gas prices and increasingly troublesome dependence on foreign sources of oil also presents the United States with great opportunities. In his State of the Union address, President Bush discussed some of these great opportunities when he laid out a vision of advancing renewable energy development of cellulosic ethanol produced from biomass feedstocks, such as agricultural field waste and switchgrass.

As consumers face rising gasoline prices at the pump, I believe that we in the federal government must keep our focus on implementing sound policies to encourage the development of alternative fuels. Cellulosic ethanol has the greatest potential to produce sufficient amounts of alternative fuels for America's driving needs. In order to make cellulosic ethanol a realistic fuel alternative, however, the visionary programs contained in the Energy Policy Act (EPAct), signed into law by President Bush on August 8, 2005, must be properly and timely implemented.

To meet the ambitious but workable timetable President Bush laid out in his State of the Union Address for commercialization of cellulosic ethanol technology within six years, full cooperation by the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) is necessary. Accordingly, I request that DoE work quickly to implement the Loan Guarantee Program authorized in Section 1511(b) of EPAct so that these important loans can become an immediate reality. Pursuant to that section, DoE is to issue loan guarantees for no more than four projects which are able to commercially demonstrate the feasibility and viability of producing cellulosic ethanol.

This critical program will help America develop the alternative sources of fuel that it needs in order to wean itself off foreign oil and guarantee its energy security. Sufficiently implementing these loan guarantees will also send an important signal to American consumers, investors and business leaders that this country will make a strong investment in, and commitment to, the development of alternative fuels produced from American-grown, renewable sources.

Currently, there are private-industry groups, bolstered by proven cellulosic ethanol technology, which are contracting with farmers in the United States for adequate feedstock volumes and are

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ready to proceed with construction as soon as DoE loan guarantees can be procured. The first commercial facilities will lead to the launch of a multi-plant industry in the United States of the type envisioned to meet the stated American objective for significantly reducing petroleum imports from the Middle East.

The private sector is poised to meet or even exceed the President's timetable. I ask that you quickly muster the human resources necessary to ensure that the important provisions of EPAct are effectively put into place and that guaranteed loans are made available as soon as possible.

Mr. Secretary, I thank you for giving this matter your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senator

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September 12, 2006

The Honorable Jill L. Sigal
Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Assistant Secretary Sigal:

I am writing in regards to the Loan Guarantee Program application submitted to Department of Energy by Gulf Coast Ethanol, Inc.

As you and your staff review the proposal, I trust you will give full consideration to the many strengths of this application. Gulf Coast Ethanol proposes to establish a bio-refining facility using a typical dry-mill ethanol production process at the Port of Brownsville in Cameron County, Texas. This project could help to increase ethanol production, a source of clean-burning, high-octane fuel produced from renewable sources such as grain.

I would appreciate your efforts to ensure that I am kept informed as to the progress of this application. Please contact Nick Troutz, my Assistant for State Projects, with any developments regarding the disposition of this proposal as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Cornyn

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

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December 4, 2006

U.S. Department of Energy
Loan Guarantee Program Office
"Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Technologies in Support of the Advanced Energy Initiative"
Solicitation Number: DE-PS01-06LG00001
OMB Control Number: 1910-5129

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write in support of the grant application submitted by Nature's Accent to the United States Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program. If funded and proven viable, I believe that this project has the potential to provide the people of Northern New Mexico with much needed facilities for energy production and economic development.

Nature's Accent has been very active in soliciting support for their project. After meeting with them to discuss their plans, I feel that their proposal is an example of the kind of innovative thinking necessary to ease our nation's dependence on fossil fuels. Please consider their project on all of its merits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miguel Andrés Suazo of my Las Vegas, NM office at (505)-454-8824. Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

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December 18, 2006

The Honorable Alexander A. Karsner
Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Karsner:

We are writing to encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to appropriately consider the pre-application submission of Lyondell Chemical Company to the loan guarantee program solicitation for energy efficient and renewal energy technology projects. Qualifying Lyondell Chemical Company's proposed petroleum coke gasification project in Houston, Texas, would be an important step in meeting the U.S. goal of energy independence. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senate

John Cornyn
United States Senate

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Washington, DC 20515

December 22, 2006

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511-16514) authorizes you as Secretary to issue loan guarantees for commercial projects that encourage new energy technologies of strategic importance to the country. It is our understanding that Beacon Power, which is located in Wilmington, Massachusetts, is submitting a multi-megawatt commercial project for consideration under the Title XVII loan guarantee program. We urge the Department to consider lending its appropriate support for this project.

It is our understanding that Beacon Power has been working closely with the Department of Energy (DOE) to design and commercialize a new technology, called "Smart Energy Matrix." We also understand that Beacon Power was recently awarded a contract from the DOE's Sandia National Laboratory to design a commercial-scale multi-megawatt frequency regulation power plant using this unique technology. Once the full-scale design is completed, Beacon Power reportedly plans to build, own and operate its first commercial frequency regulation plant. Beacon Power believes this application will help revolutionize how frequency regulation of the power grid is conducted, thereby saving energy, money, and protecting the environment.

As Beacon Power has expressed a commitment to paying the required cost of the loan guarantee, we believe it is appropriate that the Department consider Beacon Power's multi-megawatt commercial project under the Title XVII loan guarantee program.

We applaud your efforts to identify and carefully cultivate advanced energy technology that can benefit our energy infrastructure while also strengthening our economy through job creation, and thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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January 10, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the Masada Resource Group, LLC, to the US Department of Energy for the loan guarantee program for projects that employ innovative technologies in support of the Advanced Energy Initiative.

As you may know, Masada has developed and extensively tested a cellulose-to-ethanol process called CES OxyNol, which safely disposes of garbage and sewage sludge while generating ethanol. This loan guarantee would enable Masada, through the newly established Pencor Masada OxyNol (PMO), to build and operate the proposed Orange Recycling and Ethanol Production Facility in Middletown, New York. This facility would be Masada's first commercial application of its cellulose-to-ethanol process, and it would provide the community with a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly waste management option and locally-produced, low-cost fuel grade ethanol.

As I am sure you will agree, this technology is vital to our nation's efforts to advance alternative fuel sources. I wholeheartedly support this effort and urge your full consideration of the Masada Resource Group's loan guarantee application. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Tims, Grants and Projects Director, in my Birmingham office at 205-731-1500. I look forward to a favorable response regarding this project at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Sessions
United States Senator

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January 10, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the American Biosystems Group, Inc. (ABG) to the US Department of Energy for the loan guarantee program for projects that employ innovative technologies in support of the Advanced Energy Initiative.

ABG has developed a new alternative energy technology that converts waste cellulosic biomass and waste tires to ethanol as a primary product and electricity and commercial steam as secondary products. This technology has operated successfully in an integrated pilot plant over the past two years. Additionally, it is modular and is not dependent upon a single source of raw material, which makes it feasible in any geographic location. This loan guarantee would enable ABG to commercialize this technology, reducing our dependance on foreign energy sources and advancing our nation's efforts for alternative fuel sources. I wholeheartedly support this effort and urge your full consideration of ABG's loan guarantee application.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Tims, Grants and Projects Director, in my Birmingham office at 205-731-1500. I look forward to a favorable response regarding this project at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Sessions

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January 12, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department Of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

American Biosystems Group, Inc., located in Birmingham, Alabama, is seeking a loan guarantee under the Advanced Energy Initiative. It is my understanding that they wish to commercialize a new alternative energy technology that will convert cellulosic biomass and waste tires into a primary product (ethanol) and several secondary products (electricity and commercial steam). Please be advised of their loan guarantee pre-application and give it due consideration.

Sincerely,

Spencer Bachus
Member of Congress

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United States Department of Energy
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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that Alabama Biosystems Group, Inc. (ABG) has submitted a loan guarantee pre-application to the U.S. Department of Energy. I am writing in strong support of their application.

ABG seeks to commercialize a new alternative energy technology that will be used for the conversion of waste cellulosic biomass and waste tires into a primary product, ethanol, and secondary products, electricity, and commercial steam. During the past two years, this process has been tested in an integrated pilot plant and proved successful. It is a modular process, making it feasible in rural, suburban, and urban locations. Due to the fact that it is not dependent upon a single source of raw material, it is not limited to any geographical location.

The purpose of ABG's process addresses the need for alternative energy that reduces our dependence on foreign sources of energy. I urge you to give ABG's loan guarantee pre-application every consideration as you move through the decision process.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide you with additional information.

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

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February 5, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Midwest Biofuels, LLC Funding Application
Solicitation Number: DE-PS01-06LG0001
OBM Control Number: 1910-5125

Dear Secretary Bodman:

On behalf of my constituents, Midwest Biofuels, LLC, I respectfully request your consideration in reviewing and granting their application for a federal loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Office for projects that employ innovative technologies and support the President's Advanced Energy Initiative.

Midwest Biofuels, located in Rochester, Minnesota, is a newly formed enterprise that plans to construct and manage an innovative 30 million gallon per year biodiesel production facility. The primary feedstock of this new plant will be a blend of vegetable oil and soybean oil. In addition, this plant will be built with the capacity to adapt to changing technologies and feedstocks as the market dictates in the future.

By increasing the production of biodiesel, especially done with more efficiency, this project will help change the way the nation fuels its cars, a vital component of the President's Advanced Energy Initiative. This project will continue to put America on a path to energy independence – fueling the nation from the farm.

As you review this grant application by Midwest Biofuels, LLC, please consider this project and all of its economic and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Norm Coleman

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United States Senate

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February 20, 2007

Secretary Samuel Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

As you know, the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program was created by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This past August I was pleased to learn of your announced program guidelines for a total of $2 billion in loan guarantees to help spur investment in projects that employ new energy technologies. These loan guarantees were created in an effort to decrease the financial risks for the development of new energy technologies that reduce green house gas emissions.

In terms of carbon dioxide, which accounts for 95 percent of transportation's greenhouse gas emissions, the Environmental Protection Agency reports that transportation is the largest and fastest growing end-use sector. Specifically, because transportation is second only to electricity generation in terms of the volume and rate of growth of greenhouse gas emissions, it is important that the Department of Energy provides necessary incentives for the development of cellulosic ethanol. According to Department of Energy's Argonne Laboratories, cellulosic ethanol reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent over reformulated gasoline.

Congress recently passed a HJ Resolution 20, a continuing resolution to fund the government through Fiscal Year 2007. Language was included in this law which directs you to ensure the consideration of programmatic, technical, and financial factors throughout the development of the regulations for implementation.

It is imperative that the Department of Energy carefully consider the technical and economic qualification of the projects it provides loan guarantees for and not bend to the will of political demands or influence.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request. Please contact me or Tracy Nagelbush of my staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

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February 28, 2007

Honorable Dr. Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
Office of the Secretary
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0121

Re: Solicitation DE-PS01-06LG0001 - Loan Guarantee Program

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write in reference to the pre-application submitted by OPC Polymers for the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program for Alternative Fuels.

OPC is an Ohio manufacturer of coatings materials and a division of Yenkin-Majestic Paint Corporation, one of the 30 largest paint companies in the United States. In business since 1920, this parent company has a long history of experience in diverse chemical systems.

With anticipated financial assistance from the DOE's Loan Guarantee Program for Alternative Fuels, OPC intends to construct a Biomass Fuel Alcohol Production Facility. This facility would utilize Battelle related technology that converts municipal solid waste—a renewable cellulosic biomass—into synthesis gas and then into ethanol and methanol for biodiesel production and other uses. Producing renewable fuels by diverting municipal solid waste from landfills would reduce the creation of methane gas and have considerable environmental benefits for Ohio and the nation.

As you are well aware, I have long stressed that our nation must grow more energy independent to increase our competitiveness in the global marketplace and improve national security. The promotion of renewable fuel sources is critical as an important component of a comprehensive national energy policy. It is imperative that DOE supports the development and use of cutting edge technologies, like that proposed by OPC, to ensure our energy independence.

I respectfully request that DOE give its utmost consideration to this application. If there are any questions, please have your staff contact Lauri Hettinger at 202-224-3353. Thank you.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich

George V. Voinovich
United States Senator

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DEBORAH PRYCE
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March 2, 2007

The Honorable Dr. Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
Office of the Secretary
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing on behalf of OPC Polymers, an operating division of Yenkin-Majestic Paint Corporation and manufacturing company which has operated in our hometown of Columbus, Ohio since 1920. We understand OPC Polymers (OPC) has submitted an application for a Department of Energy loan guarantee for the construction and operation of a renewable energy facility in central Ohio, and we are writing to express our enthusiastic support for OPC's application in this regard.

Integrated Environmental Technologies will provide the technology package for this facility. The proposed biomass fuel alcohol production facility will employ cutting-edge technology to convert solid waste into fuel ethanol. The technology also produces methanol, a component of biodiesel fuel, which currently has to come from remote locations out of state to industrial users in Ohio. In addition, OPC's project would also have surplus gas energy that could be used as fuel for industrial purposes.

Significantly, this entire conversion process has substantial environmental benefits as well. Aside from producing renewable fuels and fuel components, the diversion of municipal solid waste will reduce the creation of methane, a greenhouse gas 20+ times more harmful than carbon dioxide, and would avoid the use of additional greenspace for landfill purposes. For this reason, our Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio has expressed their enthusiastic support of the project.

Finally, the potential for ultimately applying this project's technology on a national scale should not be understated. Currently the U.S. generates more than 250 million tons of municipal solid waste each year. Converting any significant amount of this waste to fuel alcohol could help to produce billions of gallons of additional fuel alcohol annually.

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We believe this technology promises to be an important method to supplement the array of renewable fuel production technologies being developed in this country, and we respectfully ask that OPC Polymer's application for the loan guarantee program be afforded all due consideration.

Very truly yours,

DEBORAH PRYCE
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March 2, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I was pleased to read the Department of Energy's announcement yesterday, indicating that recipients of biorefinery grants had been named. I commend you for taking this step, and I hope that disbursement and construction can commence quickly.

The President's stated priority for wide-scale production of cellulosic ethanol is clear. I agree with the President that these new fuels are vital for safeguarding our national security by reducing our dependence on oil.

Yet, the President's 35 billion gallon alternative fuel goal is belied by the prospect of further delay in implementing the loan guarantee program to support cellulosic ethanol production, as authorized in the 2005 Energy Policy Act. DOE officials have indicated to my staff that the loan guarantee program may take yet another year to be implemented.

I understand that there are several challenges to ensuring successful implementation of this program, and that managing loan guarantees is new territory for DOE. Yet the need for our nation is urgent. There is widespread agreement that loan guarantees are essential for allowing the first investments into commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol production facilities. These investments are needed to reduce production costs to jumpstart the industry, and to meet the President's goals.

I urge you to establish a plan for implementing the loan guarantee program within months, and to share that plan with interested parties.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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March 7, 2007

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

During the 1980's, the State of California established an industrial incentive to stimulate the creation of biomass fuel power plants. As you know, California is a major agricultural state as well as the largest single state consumer of power in the United States. One power plant, built in the district which I now represent, was unable to operate sufficiently cleanly, so it was closed in the 1980's as an unacceptable polluter. Within the past three years, this plant was reconfigured and re-powered with a clean burning technology that was developed in your Department's Vision 21 Program for advanced combustion and turbine technologies.

The successful two-year demonstration of a zero emission capability at the Kimberline Power Plant in Bakersfield concluded successfully in June, 2006. The technology demonstrated there is now incorporated in a pre-application for a loan guarantee filed with your Department last December. I write, Mr. Secretary, to encourage your personal interest in the consideration of the pending pre-application for a 40 MW zero emission power plant (ZEPP-1), which would be a bellweather for the industry, demonstrating not only the capacity to produce pollution-free electricity from a hydrocarbon fueled power plant, but also the capacity to efficiently and effectively separate and capture all of the carbon dioxide produced by the plant.

Congressman Dan Lungren and I continue our efforts in the Congress to encourage our colleagues to place in the law appropriate federal tax incentives for the use of zero emission technology, but your Department has the ability now to directly assist, through a loan guarantee, the construction of the world's first hydrocarbon fueled, zero emission, sequestration ready power plant. I encourage you to take a personal interest in the pending pre-application and to support favorable action.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write regarding our concerns about the time it is taking to implement the loan guarantee provision of the Hagel/Pryor amendment that was included as Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

It has been over a year and a half since this bill was signed into law and there are still no final regulations in place to administer the loan guarantee program. The lack of movement by the DOE to implement this important policy is unacceptable.

Congress included the Loan Guarantee title in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 as a important mechanism to help move efficient and innovative technologies into the marketplace. Energy technology is the key to promoting domestic energy security and intelligent use of our resources, and is critical to the U.S. commitment to addressing climate change. We have been strong supporters of advanced technologies being the cornerstone of workable approaches to climate change policy.

Given the importance of a loan guarantee program bridging the gap between the research, development and demonstration phase with the commercial deployment phase, we are troubled by the difficulty this program has encountered in its implementation. Timely execution of this program is necessary to send a signal that the Federal government is committed to encouraging the rapid deployment of clean energy technologies, and is positioned to assist in this effort – as it is now written into law.

We would appreciate your response to this concern and receiving DOE's time line for finalizing regulations on this program. We would also like to know when the first DOE loan guarantees may be awarded.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel

U.S. Senator Mark Pryor

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Mr. Alexander Karsner
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Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
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Dear Secretary Karsner:

I am writing in support of the pre-application of OCEES International, Inc. for development of an Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) facility under the Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Technologies in Support of the Advanced Energy Initiative (Solicitation Number DE-PS01-06LG00001).

OTEC may be the best renewable energy source option for the State of Hawaii and Pacific Insular Territories of the United States. Using the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program, the U.S. Navy has brought OTEC technology to the point where it is now ready for commercialization. The Navy conducted a site specific analysis for implementing a large scale OTEC facility at the strategic U.S. military base at Diego Garcia. Unfortunately, the Navy is unable to fund the upfront cost for implementing such a facility. However, I understand that the Navy has expressed its willingness to enter into a long-term 25-year purchase agreement.

OCEES has since secured a commitment for independent project financing and assembled the project design and construction team. Approval of the requested loan guarantee of $140 million will initiate the implementation plan and expedite the project.

In my view, the deployment of the commercial OTEC facility in Diego Garcia will serve as a catalyst to accelerate the rollout of this promising renewable energy technology in exactly the manner that Congress envisioned under these loan programs. In addition to the benefits that OTEC technology brings to insular areas,

I see the potential for the State of Hawaii to position itself as the global leader in furthering OTEC technology and attracting related high tech industries to the State.

I strongly support the Department of the Navy's efforts to implement this important renewable energy technology and the use of your Department's loan guarantee to facilitate the OTEC project at Diego Garcia. Accordingly, within existing rules and regulations, I urge your full and fair consideration of the pre-application of OCEES International, Inc. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUYE
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March 16, 2007

Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write today in support of the pre-application submitted by Flambeau River Energy Company LLC under the DOE Loan Guarantee Program (solicitation LG00001-14246 LG) to help install a biomass boiler.

It is my understanding that they are proposing to install a commercial, combined cycle biomass boiler to produce 150,000 pounds per hour of steam and 13 megawatts of power at the Flambeau River Papers mill. This mill is in the midst of undertaking significant environmental and process improvements. I am told that this investment would make the facility unique – replacing over one trillion BTUs of fossil energy currently used by the mill, thus making Flambeau River Papers the only integrated pulp and paper mill in the U.S. to be fossil fuel free.

This project would help further the revitalization of a paper manufacturing plant that is a major employer in the City of Park Falls, and it is my understanding that much of the needed groundwork has already been done. I am told that completion of this project, which has the full support of community leaders and the State of Wisconsin, will be a significant step in securing 300 jobs in Park Falls and create about 50 more jobs in procurement and transportation. I understand that a commitment for the required biomass supply has been obtained from a firm operating in the area, and that private investors are being lined up.

There are plans to use this as a model for other facilities in the industry. It is my understanding that an advisory committee of pulp and paper mill representatives will be formed to assist with startup and make the technology more readily deployable to other facilities.

As you prepare to consider loan guarantee proposals, I encourage a full and fair review of this project on its own merits. Thank you for consideration of my comments, and I look forward to hearing of your department's decision.

Sincerely,

David R. Obey,
Member of Congress

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March 20, 2007

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department Of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

The Department of Energy's recent investment of $385 million for cellulosic waste to ethanol projects is to be congratulated. However, we need to do more to promote the use of alternative energy sources. I urge you to give due consideration to instituting the loan guarantee program and conversion assistance programs under sections 1510 through 1512 of the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*, as a way to achieve possible implementation of a valuable renewable energy program.

I have recently been briefed on an eligible project in Middletown, New York being developed by Pencor-Masada OxyNol, of Birmingham, Alabama. As explained to me, this company's technology converts municipal solid waste and waste-water bio-solid sludge into ethanol and other useful by-products. My staff has been told that this company has submitted a pre-application to the Department of Energy. I urge you to give their application for loan guarantee due consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me or my staff should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Spencer Bachus
Member of Congress

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March 26, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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RE: Municipal Solid Waste Loan Guarantee Program and Cellulosic Biomass and Waste-Derived Ethanol Conversion Assistance

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to congratulate the Department of Energy for its recent investment of $385 million for cellulosic waste to ethanol projects. We need to continue to promote the use of cellulosic ethanol, and I urge you to institute the Municipal Solid Waste Loan Guarantee Program and Cellulosic Biomass and Waste-Derived Ethanol Conversion Assistance under sections 1510 through 1512 of the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*.

In order to promote the use of cellulosic ethanol, I bring to your attention an eligible project in Middletown, New York, under development by Pencor-Masada OxyNol of Birmingham, Alabama. This company's technology converts municipal solid waste, and wastewater bio-solid sludge, into ethanol and other useful by-products. As you are aware, this company has submitted a pre-application to the Department of Energy and is awaiting final approval before they construct such a facility in Orange County, New York. I urge you to promote the use of cellulosic ethanol and support their application for the Loan Guarantee Program.

Pencor-Masada OxyNol's technology can help this country meet the goals expressed in the Advanced Energy Initiative by providing a local supply of ethanol and an environmentally sustainable waste disposal option. This technology deserves support as it meets our need for fuel, and provides for environmentally sustainable local disposal of municipal wastes.

Please feel free to contact my staff should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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April 18, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing in support of the project submitted by the Masada Resource Group for the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program.

Masada has developed technology to convert municipal solid waste and wastewater bio-solid sludge into ethanol and other useful byproducts. This loan guarantee would enable Masada, through the newly established Pencor Masada OxyNol (PMO), to build and operate the proposed Orange Recycling and Ethanol Production Facility in Middletown, New York.

Masada's technology advances our nation's efforts to advance alternative fuel sources by providing a local supply of ethanol and an environmentally sustainable waste disposal option. I support Masada's proposal and I urge you to give this proposal due consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

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April 26, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

As Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee with jurisdiction over energy research, development and demonstration and commercial application of energy technologies, I am writing to urge the Department to promulgate regulations to implement the Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT '05) that set out clearly-defined objectives and outcomes for the program including a strategy to successfully manage the financial risk to the government.

As you know, the Fiscal Year 2007 Continuing Resolution (CR) was signed into law on February 15, 2007, and directs the Department to promulgate final regulations for the LGP within six months of its enactment. Because I believe this program will help to advance investment in new, innovative energy-technology projects, it is my expectation that the Department will meet the timeline established in the CR for the promulgation of the LGP regulations. In addition, I expect that the Department will solicit public comments on the draft regulations so that the established program is effective and responsible. As you know, there is incredible interest in this loan guarantee program and I intend to monitor carefully the Department's progress to implement the LGP.

As you move forward with the LGP regulations, I respectfully request answers to the questions outlined below:

- How will management of the LGP be structured within the Department? Will the process be centralized with appropriate technical input from the offices with specific expertise in a designated policy area such as Fossil Energy, Nuclear Energy, EERE?

- Please explain how the Department is managing its loan volume cap. If the project cost of the facility is estimated to be $1 billion can you assure me that an

applicant's loan guarantee amount will be 80% of that cost or $800 million? Additionally, will the pre-applications received by DOE last year be the only applications considered for the $4 billion loan guarantee authority included in the Fiscal Year 2007 CR? When will DOE respond to the pending pre-applications? And, it is my understanding that the Department was working with a $2 billion budget in 2006 when it solicited loan pre-applications. Does the Department now anticipate issuing guarantees for up to $6 billion in loans this fiscal year?

- Will the Department's regulations include detailed criteria for selecting projects for loan guarantees beyond those established in EPACT '05? Will the Department also establish outcome measures to meaningfully determine the effectiveness of the program?

- I understand that a charter for a credit review board has been issued and officials from within the Department have been designated to serve on the board. Please describe what steps the Department took to ensure the board includes members who understand financial markets? How much risk per project and in the aggregate will the Department accept? What will constitute a default by a borrower? Who will determine when a borrower is in default of a loan? What procedures will the Department set to estimate the administrative and subsidy costs for the LGP? Will the Department implement procedures to recover these costs from the borrowers?

- What mechanisms will the Department put in place to monitor loan and lender performance?

- What procedures will the Department implement to ensure that there are no lengthy delays in the project approval process? More specifically, will the application process be a standardized process?

- The Department's web page outlines the technologies represented by the pre-application process. Will the Department set a limit on the total number of loans to be guaranteed? If so, is it the intention of the Department to establish targets for the number of eligible projects in certain technology categories? Again, if so, would you please share with me those categories and the number of loans to be guaranteed in each category?

- Electricity from new nuclear generation will surely be a part of our country's energy future. However, the construction of facilities that demonstrate next generation nuclear technologies carry a very high cost. Recognizing the high cost of these projects, how does the Department plan to address loan guarantees for nuclear projects? How will these efforts ensure that the private sector will be committed to participating in the loan guarantee program? What steps will the Department take to ensure that nuclear projects will have adequate financial support from this program to ensure their participation?

I appreciate your attention to my concerns. I look forward to working with you to establish a successful loan guarantee program to commercialize technologies that will result in significant reductions in carbon emissions.

Sincerely,

Bart Gordon

Bart Gordon
Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology

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Re: Pre-Application: Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative 'Technologies in Support of the Advanced Energy Initiative.
(Solicitation Number DE-PS01-06LG00001)

Dear Secretary Karsner:

I am writing in support of the above pre-application for federal loan guarantees that was submitted by Ocean Engineering and Energy Systems (OCEES) International, Inc., which hopes to develop an integrated Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) system at the U.S. Naval Support Facility (NSF) in Diego Garcia. The loan guarantees are being requested because the capital markets remain skeptical of innovative technology such as OTEC.

The project at NSF Diego Garcia ("Project") will generate seven megawatts of reliable power and provide 1.25-million gallons of potable water per day. The Project also meets some of the goals of the President's Advanced Energy Initiative. Among other things, it will "reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy" and "focus on the environmental consequences of energy production, including emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, primarily from the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas."

According to OCEES International, Inc.'s pre-application business plan, the Project will result in the direct reduction of 5.25-million gallons of fossil-fuel consumption per annum, as well as a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere of nearly 40 percent below current practices.

Recognizing that the U.S. Naval Base in Diego Garcia is vulnerable to disruptions in the oil supply – electricity at NSF Diego Garcia is produced by diesel-powered generators – the U.S. Navy teamed with OCEES International Inc. to develop OTEC technology to the point of commercialization, under the terms of a Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) contract project funded by the Office of Naval Research (ONR).

However, Navy funding under the SBIR program is limited to bringing technology to the point of commercialization, including basic research and development, pilot program proof of concept and site-specific feasibility study. This limitation assumes that the private

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sector will self-finance the actual implementation of the technology.

The Project will also serve as the necessary first step to the commercial roll-out of OTEC technology, which could improve the lives of the residents of the U.S. insular territories (Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Confederation of the Northern Marianas) – as well as of the Marshall Islands, Pohnpe and Palau, all of which face a future of high costs related to producing electricity and sufficient amounts of fresh water to meet their residents' needs. However, as stated repeatedly in the Department of Interior's energy assessment of the insular territories, any commercial roll-out of OTEC technology in the territories will occur only after commercial success is demonstrated elsewhere first.

The Project is an ideal candidate for this purpose.

I thank you in advance for your full consideration of OCEES International, Inc.'s request. With aloha,

Aloha pumehana,

Daniel K. Akaka

DANIEL K. AKAKA
U.S. Senator

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May 24,2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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RE: Midwest Biofuels, LLC Funding Application
Solicitation Number: DE-PSO1-06LG0001
OBM Control Number: 1910-5125

Dear Secretary Bodman,

On behalf of my constituent Midwest Biofuels, LLC located in Rochester, Minnesota, I respectfully request your prompt consideration in reviewing and granting their application for a Federal Loan Guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Office.

It is my understanding that the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Office received Midwest Biofuels' loan application in December 2006. This loan guarantee will aid Midwest Biofuels in constructing and managing an innovative and newly-improved 30 million gallon per year (mgpy) Biodiesel production facility in Rochester, Minnesota.

Biodiesel is an environmentally friendly product and its production and expanded usage is consistent with President Bush's advanced Energy Initiative Policies and Goals. Biodiesel carries significant economic and environmental benefits, and will help reduce the United States' dependency on foreign oil and other energy sources.

Thank you for your prompt consideration to expedite the approval of the Federal Loan Guarantee for Midwest Biofuels, LLC. Please direct all correspondence in this matter on my behalf to Matt Ketelsen at:

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June 4,2007

Mr. Lachlan W. Seward
Director, Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Seward:

I am writing on behalf of V-Vehicle Company, a San Diego-based car manufacturing company which is focusing its efforts on introducing a new fuel-efficient, low-emissions vehicle into the domestic market. It is my understanding that V-Vehicle has submitted two applications for the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) loan program and I respectfully request that their submissions receive full consideration.

The goal of V-Vehicle is to produce an automobile that will provide a fuel efficiency standard of **43.3** miles-per-gallon and be sold through a national retail chain at an affordable cost to the public. This business and action plan will create new American jobs, make vehicle advanced technology available to a wide range of customers and help achieve the larger national goals of creating transportation options that promote greater fuel efficiency and a healthy environment.

ATVM loans would assist in funding the engineering integration of the V Car in San Diego and support the re-equipping of an existing manufacturing facility for its first assembly plant. It is estimated that this federal support can lead directly to the creation of 17,000 new American jobs in an industry that has fell on severe economic times. Understanding that these are many of the same goals of the ATVM program, I believe V-Vehicle Company makes a strong and viable candidate to participate.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Michael Harrison in my office at (619) 448-5201.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

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August 1, 2007

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter is to inform you of our concern regarding statements in the May 16, 2007, notice of proposed rulemaking on the implementation of the loan guarantees for projects that employ innovative technologies. Specifically, your interpretation of the statutory language in the Revised Continuing Resolution, 2007, Public Law 110-5, (CR) is counter to Committee intent.

The notice of intent correctly states that the "CR prohibits DOE from issuing any loan guarantees under the Title XVII program until the Department has issued final regulations that address a number of different matters." However, we understand from the May 2007 Federal Register notice that the Department intends to make the initial loan guarantee awards not subject to the final rule. To do so would be a direct violation of the intent of Congress as expressed in the Continuing Resolution.

The Committee is committed to ensuring that the public's tax dollars are used in a judicious and prudent manner, and we believe it is critical that the new loan guarantee program at the Department of Energy is executed in a transparent and fair fashion.

This is the underlying reason why the Revised Continuing Resolution, 2007, contained specific language requiring loans be subject to formal regulations that have been developed through the customary rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

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August 15,2007

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to encourage the Department of Energy (DOE) to take steps to implement the loan guarantee program that Congress authorized under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. We also ask that the department give serious consideration to a nuclear project in Ohio that meets the criteria established for that program.

An important goal that DOE has set in its proposed rulemaking for implementation of Title XVII is to encourage domestic commercial use of new or significantly improved energy-related technologies that will help sustain economic growth, yield environmental benefits, and produce a more stable and secure energy supply and economy. To achieve this goal, DOE should: 1) make loan guarantee conditions more appropriate for the financial markets to support; 2) avoid restrictions on the types of projects that are eligible under Title XVII; and 3) consider additional factors beyond the Title XVII criteria that would benefit U.S. policy goals in selecting projects for guarantees.

It is important that DOE select projects that can provide for early program successes. One such project is the planned American Centrifuge Plant in Ohio by USEC - the only current domestic uranium enrichment operator. This project was submitted to DOE in December 2006 as part of the agency's pre-application process and fits nicely within the intent of Title XVII and the loan guarantee program. The American Centrifuge Plant uses DOE's advanced gas centrifuge technology to replace an existing enrichment technology that is over 50 years old. This new, advanced technology will use 95 percent less electricity, reducing the need for about 1000 MW of power, and thereby cutting emissions of carbon dioxide by about 10 million tons annually. The American Centrifuge Plant not only represents an advanced nuclear technology, but it is also a more efficient end-use technology.

The American Centrifuge Plant has a number of other attributes that would bring value to DOE's loan guarantee selection process. For example, all regulatory requirements have been met with the issuance, in April 2007, of a construction and operating license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The details of this project are already well known by DOE via its ongoing review and oversight role of this classified technology and "first-of-a-kind" centrifuge project. This project also serves U.S. nonproliferation and energy security policy objectives by ensuring that the United States maintains a leadership role in the enrichment technology arena and establishes a domestic enrichment supply capability that can meet our country's nuclear energy generating needs.

The successful implementation of DOE's loan guarantee program will play an important role in providing for our nation's future energy supply and economic health while being mindful of DOE's environmental stewardship. These suggestions are intended to help DOE succeed in that effort. We will continue to support efforts by DOE to make the loan guarantee program a success and look forward to working with you in that regard.

Sincerely,

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George V. Voinovich
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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20858

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write seeking clarification regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) loan guarantee program, to request the development of a fast-track mechanism for consideration of those companies that were selected for awards under the Sec. 932 cellulosic grant program, and to reiterate our hope that DOE is mindful of the potential adverse consequences a slow process would have on projects such as the one Iogen Corporation has proposed for Idaho.

First, we applaud the work undertaken to date by the DOE in establishing an office to implement the new loan guarantee program. We are aware that the new office is reviewing pre-applications for the loan guarantee program and is expected to call for full applications this fall. We continue to operate under the expectation that loan guarantee recipients will be announced in the second quarter of 2008. However, as encouraging as this progress may be, we remain concerned about the pace of resolving key I mplementation policy issues.

Iogen's proposal to construct a cellulosic ethanol plant in Idaho represents a significant economic development opportunity for our State. The Iogen facility would not only be an important commercial project in and of itself, but we also anticipate that it would locate a vital center of excellence for this emerging technology in Idaho. Unfortunately, the length of the process of establishing the loan guarantee program may jeopardize this important project.

As you know, Iogen is one of the six companies designated as eligible to negotiate for a cellulosic grant through the DOE (Sec. 932). It remains unclear whether companies that receive grant funding will be barred from eligibility for assistance under the loan guarantee program. In the case of Iogen, this clarification is of the utmost importance, as the loan guarantee is essential to Iogen's plan to build a cellulosic plant in Idaho. In fact, the company may consider a forfeiture of the grant award unless it is clear that

receipt of grant funding would not jeopardize the company's ability to compete for a loan guarantee.

In a letter to DOE, Iogen has made clear that its capital contribution to the Idaho project would remain constant regardless of a DOE decision to allow or prohibit combining financial assistance offered by the grant and loan guarantee programs. In other words, no matter how the government decides to proceed, Iogen stands ready to accept the same exposure to project risk.

The DOE has not yet been able to articulate a policy regarding the circumstances under which multiple forms of financial assistance might be permitted. Uncertainty regarding this issue, combined with the fact that the Loan Guarantee office is not yet ready to receive applications, has paralyzed efforts to finalize financing for the Idaho cellulosic ethanol facility. This causes us great concern, not only because it threatens a vital economic development project for our State, but also because it delays commercialization of a technology that we expect will be crucial to improving our nation's energy security and achieving the President's "20 in 10" goals.

It is our view that receipt of a cellulosic grant should not automatically preclude a company from being eligible for a loan guarantee. Further, we believe that the DOE should consider establishing a fast track mechanism in the loan guarantee program for those companies that have already been thoroughly vetted by the DOE through the granting process. We believe that this fast track mechanism would be consistent with the intent of Congress upon passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We recognize that there are many complex issues to address in implementing the loan guarantee and grant policies. However, it is simply not realistic to assume that the commercial world will stand still and wait for the U.S. Government. For this reason, it is critically important for the U.S. to remain competitive in creating an investor-friendly environment for companies such as Iogen, and to do so in a timely fashion.

We cannot stress enough the importance of the success of companies such as Iogen to the economies of our State and the nation. For this reason, we respectfully ask for any possible expedited movement by the Department that may enable the U.S., and particularly our State of Idaho, to capitalize on this unique opportunity to make a significant step toward greater energy security.

We appreciate your continued willingness to work with us through this process and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Craig
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Cc: Director David Frantz

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November 5, 2007

Mr. David Frantz
Department of Energy
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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 586-7366

Dear Mr. Frantz.

Please accept this letter of inquiry about the Department of Energy's (DOE;) loan guarantee program authorized by Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT). It has come to my attention that the DOE has passed 16 pre-application participants to the final application process.

As a conferee that worked on the legislation before it was finally passed, I am concerned that these guarantees are implemented with strict attention to the language in the act and consistent with the intent of Congress.

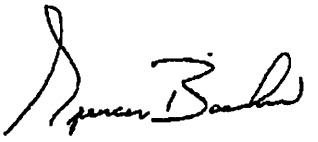
EPACT specifically mandates in sections 1510-1512 that the "secretary shall issue loan guarantee [of up to $250 million per project] ... to carry out not more than 4 projects to commercially demonstrate the feasibility and viability of producing cellulosic biomass ethanol or sucrose-derived ethanol, including at least 1 project that uses cereal straw as a feedstock and *1 project that uses municipal solid waste as a feedstock.*"

It was clearly the intent of this legislation that municipal solid waste be used as a "primary", "principal" or "cure" feedstock. Otherwise, there would have been no reason to make that distinction.

Accordingly, I would like to inquire of the Department as to which of the pre-approved projects meets these requirements. Further, I would like to inquire to see if the agency considers the statute to require that municipal solid waste be the primary feedstock.

I look forward to your timely response Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Philip Swartzfager in my office at 202-225-4921

Sincerely.



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December 19, 2007

David Schmitzer
Director, Loan Origination
Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department Of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Schmitzer,

I am writing to bring to your attention GR International, a Washington State based company that is among the 16 selected for pre-application to the Department of Energy's innovative clean energy projects loan guarantee program.

I recently met with Vijay Mather and I was very impressed by the innovative pre-commercial demonstration project that he is leading at GR International. As you know, GR International has developed a technology that allows silicate nano-fibers to be used as a partial replacement for the natural fibers in paper. By replacing natural paper fibers with silica, the final product demands less energy for drying, lower manufacturing costs and results in lower environmental impacts from the paper and forest product industry.

The silicate nano-fibers that have been developed by GR International may also have useful applications in energy-efficient building products, plastics, paints, and other composites, all of which hold potential for export to countries like China, India, and Europe where natural fibers are in higher demand and in even shorter supply.

As you know, GRI has completed a full-scale demonstration plant at Grays Harbor Paper Company, thanks in no small part to a $3 million grant from the DOE and in-kind support from the industry. GRI is currently seeking federal and state funds to expand the current nano-fiber plant at Grays Harbor. It is further seeking support from the state and its leaders to help secure this DOE loan guarantee for full commercialization.

Thank you for taking the loan guarantee application from GR International into careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Jay Inslee
Member of Congress

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January 30, 2008

Mr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express support for the application of EcoMotors International under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Loan Program.

Due in part to the far-reaching impact of the automotive industry throughout Michigan, individuals in Michigan's Second Congressional District and statewide are facing sever economic conditions. In light of that fact, engineering integration projects simultaneously addressing multiple national priorities - including improving fuel-efficiency, reducing dependency on foreign oil and ultimately generating high-tech manufacturing jobs - is precisely what the Department of Energy should emphasize as it considers applicants to the ATVM Incentive Loan Program.

Along those lines, EcoMotors's proposal to DOE is to integrate its opposed-piston-opposed cylinder (opoc™) engine into the Tahoe Hybrid platform, and demonstrate that it is significantly simpler, smaller, lighter, and more fuel-efficient than comparable conventional gasoline-powered engines. EcoMotors suggests its engine will provide fuel economy savings in excess of 50% over the best conventional diesel engines, improving fuel economy almost 30% in the city and 60% on the highway.

As you are aware, the proposal to DOE seeks funding for engineering integration, validation and testing their engine's specific vehicle applications, in partnership with the Michigan State Police (MSP). Through this partnership, EcoMotors hopes to establish a customer base and significantly accelerate the time required for evaluation and integration into mass production vehicles.

As the automobile industry faces substantial challenges, I believe EcoMotors International is offering innovative solutions using American ingenuity both to improve vehicle fuel economy and dramatically reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration of EcoMotors' application.

Sincerely,

Pete Hoekstra

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February 5,2008

David Schmitzer
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Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department Of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Schmitzer:

We are writing regarding GR International's (GRI) application for the clean energy projects loan guarantee in the Department of Energy. GRI is a Washington state based company that is among the 16 selected for pre-application for this program.

We are impressed by the commercial potential of the energy efficient innovations in technology created by Dr.Vijay Mathur and his team at GRI. GRI has developed a technology that allows silicate nano-fibers to be used as a partial replacement for the natural fibers in paper. We have been told that by replacing natural paper fibers with silica, the final paper product uses less energy for drying, improves quality, lowers manufacturing costs and reduces environmental impacts from the paper and forest product industry.

The silicate nano-fibers that have been developed by GRI may also have useful applications by providing energy-efficient building products, plastics, paints, and other composites. These applications have a high potential for export to countries where natural fibers are in higher demand and in even shorter supply. Examples of potential markets include China, India, and Europe.

Due to a $3 million grant from the DOE and in-kind support from the industry, GRI has completed a full-scale demonstration plant at Grays Harbor Paper Company. Currently, GRI is seeking federal and state funds to expand the current nano-fiber plant at Grays Harbor for full commercialization. We have been told that in addition to the demonstrated benefits of the technology, full commercialization will lead to stable jobs in our state and will improve our nation's global competitiveness.

We hope that you will take a careful look at GRI's promising proposal. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Adam Smith

Representative Norm Dicks

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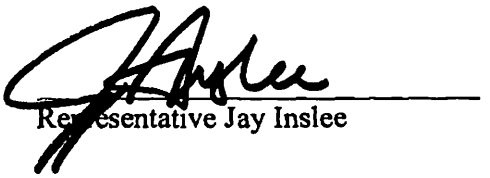

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June 26, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing you today to express my support for New Planet Energy LLC's loan request from the Department of Energy for construction of a commercial demonstration cellulosic ethanol plant in Florida.

Last year, I supported Alico, Inc.'s request for a Section 932 grant to construct this plant. Although Alico has decided not to move forward with this project, New Planet Energy has assumed control of this project. New Planet Energy has been working with Alico on this project since its inception, and most of the fundamental plans for the plant remain the same.

Florida is ideal as a testing ground for this technology because it ranks fifth in per capita energy consumption and is the nation's largest producer of biomass.

Thank you for considering New Planet Energy's loan request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 10,2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write to support the Department of Energy's (DOE) recent announcement that it plans to issue the final round of loan guarantee solicitations later this summer. We urge DOE to comply with the announced schedule and to issue the solicitation in an expeditious manner. In addition, we urge DOE to give special consideration to alternative energy projects relying on domestic, secure energy sources that can help the U.S. meet its transportation fuel and electricity demands.

The prompt issuance of the next round of loan guarantee solicitations is essential for three reasons. First, under current law, DOE's authority to issue the loan guarantee solicitations is scheduled to expire in 2009. Second, it is widely acknowledged among policymakers, scientists, and industry representatives that, even if we started today, the U.S. is at least three to five years away from the development and deployment of large scale commercial sources of alternative energy that will seriously compete with traditional sources of fuel. The sooner DOE issues the loan guarantee solicitations and selects projects to support, the faster these new alternative energy technologies can be deployed to meet a significant portion of U.S. energy demand. Third, it will take a wide variety of alternative energy sources to meet U.S. energy demands that are currently being met through traditional sources of energy. Therefore, it is crucial that a range of potential applicants have the opportunity to respond to the upcoming scheduled round of solicitations, which will include advanced fossil energy projects.

We strongly recommend that DOE, through its upcoming Title XVI solicitation for loan guarantees, support the development of advanced fossil energy projects that utilize a wide variety of domestically available feedstocks such as coal. Industrial wastes that can co-process renewable resources such as non-food cellulosic materials and municipal sludge in the development of fuel should also be considered, as they could meet the emission level criteria specified in Section 1703(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

For example, the Department of Defense (DOD), through the Air Force, has announced its Assured Fuels Initiative, which is designed to establish an alternative domestic source of fuel for ground and, more importantly, aviation use. An alternative domestic source such as coal would be less vulnerable to supply disruptions associated with weather and geopolitical events; would be more affordable and predictably priced; would reduce emissions of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases; and, could be used across multiple weapons systems and vehicles to reduce the number of fuel types and associated logistical problems. DOE loan guarantees should encourage the development of alternative domestic sources of such fuels for military use. The use of coal to liquids is a critical source of domestically available, secure transportation fuels.

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Our Armed Services will require fuel for the foreseeable future, and the development and use of clean domestic alternative fuels will go a long way in not only helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., but also in reducing the military's dependence upon imported crude oil.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Enzi
U.S. Senator

John Barrasso
U.S. Senator

Barbara Cubin
U.S. Representative

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Congress of the United States
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July 28, 2008

Samuel Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to express our concerns regarding management of the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program (LGP). We believe strongly that the loan guarantee program has the potential to be an effective tool to encourage deployment of innovative clean energy technologies, specifically as it relates to renewable energy, energy efficiency and battery technologies. However, we remain concerned about the current management of the program.

As you may know, a July 2008 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report entitled ***New Loan Guarantee Program Should Complete Activities Necessary for Effective and Accountable Program Management*** states that "DOE is not well positioned to manage the LGP effectively and maintain accountability because it has not completed a number of management and internal control activities key to carrying out the program. As a result, DOE may not be able to process applications effectively and efficiently." The report goes on to explain that most of the companies invited by DOE to submit full applications plan to submit their applications by the end of September, 2008 and that "the influx of applications could cause a surge in workload, but it is not clear that DOE has obtained the resources it needs to carry out its application review activities."

As you know, the Department recently issued its second round loan guarantee solicitation, which closes on Dec. 31,2008. With the due date for the second round solicitation squarely in the middle of the Presidential transition period, potential borrowers have contacted us with concerns about how the second round solicitation will be handled. Because of the timing of the solicitation, we are particularly concerned that these applications will not be acted upon in a timely manner. For that reason, we ask that the Department tell us what policies and procedures it will implement to evaluate applications as well as the policies and procedures it has in place to identify eligible lenders and monitor loans and lenders. It is our hope that the loan guarantee program will work with borrowers to effectively and responsibly deploy new renewable energy, energy efficiency and battery technologies. Thank you kindly for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress

Jay Inslee
Member of Congress

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July 29, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my support for the Loan Guarantee Application filed by NRG Energy, Inc., for two new nuclear reactors at the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear power station in Bay City, Texas. These reactors, STP 3 and 4, are precisely the type of investment that Congress envisioned when we enacted the loan guarantee provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The 2,700-megawatt increase as a result of this expansion will double the existing STP capacity, which will help ensure that Texas' increasing energy demands will be met. Additionally, the construction and operation of STP 3 and 4 will lead to the creation of thousands of jobs and new tax revenue in Texas to support schools and surrounding infrastructure.

STP 3 and 4 will be the nation's first nuclear reactors in 30 years, and they are long overdue. The success of NRG's loan guarantee application will help avert further delays in the construction of new U.S. nuclear capacity. Please carefully consider this loan guarantee application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Kay Bailey Hutchison

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CHARLES W. DENT

MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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Congress of the United States
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July 30, 2008

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing to you on behalf of my corporate constituent, International Battery, Inc. (6845 Snowdrift Road, Allentown, PA 18106), an exciting new manufacturer in my district that produces large cell lithium ion batteries for vehicles, and I am pleased to bring IB and its Chairman/CEO John Kaufman to your attention.

The purpose of this letter is to request a meeting between Mr. Kaufman and you and your staff to address points of concern Mr. Kaufman has with a Letter of Intent for a $66,000,000 proposed loan to be made available through WorldBusiness Capital, Inc. and the Loan Guarantee Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.
Mr. Kaufman takes issue with certain associated fees connected to the proposed loan and would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the terms with a representative of the Department of Energy. He has already been in contact with Mr. Richard Corrigan of the DOE, who has agreed to meet with Mr. Kaufman and review the Letter of Intent, and I would like to add my support for such a meeting to occur in a most expeditious manner.

The development of new energy technologies encouraged by the Department of Energy is indeed welcomed, and it would seem that International Battery is a perfect candidate for this type of loan guarantee incentive. It would be in the best interests of all concerned to explore this matter and I am appreciative of any arrangements your office can make to schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dent
Member of Congress
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July 30,2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Loan Guarantee Application filed by the South Texas Project located in Bay City, Texas. I appreciate your thoughtful consideration of my request.

In 2007, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission received the first complete licensing application in nearly thirty years for a "new generation" nuclear reactor. The request was for expansion of the South Texas Project (STP). The development of two new nuclear units at the existing STP location represents a historic opportunity for the state of Texas to meet its growing energy needs. Expansion of the project has received support from local, state, and federal officials for its potential to meet electricity demands in an environmentally friendly way with new, low carbon energy technology that will not add to existing carbon emissions. In addition, the construction and operation of the new reactors at the STP will have a valuable impact on the local economy through reliable and affordable power, increased employment, and new revenue from local taxes that will help support surrounding infrastructure.

As you know, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 authorized the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program. The intent of this program is to spur the commercial use of advanced and innovative energy technologies that could avoid or reduce emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The use of clean and alternative energy is a key element in achieving energy security for the United States. The South Texas Project is precisely the type of investment that the President and Congress envisioned when the loan guarantee program was created and enacted into law.

I encourage you to give the South Texas Project application every possible consideration as the award of a loan guarantee would be a tremendous contribution to the successful development of this project.

Sincerely,

John Cornyn

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July 30,2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my support for the Loan Guarantee Application filed by the South Texas Project (STP). The development of two nuclear units at the existing South Texas Project represent a historic opportunity for the State of Texas to move forward with providing residents of South Texas energy through new, low carbon technology. This project is the type of investment that the Congress and the President envisioned when we enacted the loan guarantee provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Awarding a loan guarantee to the STP Project would secure the confidence of the major investors of this project and the existing South Texas Nuclear Project, which include the municipally owned power company that serves my district. It would also assist our local power company to decrease carbon emissions and increase capacity to the people of San Antonio.

The construction and operation of the STP Project will create thousands of jobs and generate new local tax revenue in South Texas which in turn, will support schools and local infrastructure. Furthermore, as the population of Texas continues to grow, this project will help meet the increasing needs for power in our state with no increase in carbon emissions.

I urge you to support the STP Loan Guarantee Application. Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Gonzalez
Member of Congress

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July 30, 2008

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing in support of the loan guarantee application filed by NRG Energy, Inc. for two new nuclear reactors at the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear power station in Bay City, Texas, These reactors, STP 3 and 4, are precisely the type of investment that Congress envisioned when it passed the loan guarantee provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The expansion's 2,700-megawatt increase will double *the* existing STP capacity, helping ensure that Texas's increasing energy demands will be met. Additionally, the construction and operation of STP 3 and 4 will lead to the creation of thousands of new jobs.

STP 3 and 4 will be the nation's first nuclear reactors in 30 years; construction of these reactors is long overdue. The success of NRG Energy Inc.'s loan guarantee application will help avert further delays in the construction of new U.S. nuclear capacity. I, therefore, respectfully request that you carefully consider this loan guarantee application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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August 6,2008

The Honorable Samuel L. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

It has recently been brought to my attention that Secure Energy Inc., has applied for funding from the Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Federal Loan Guarantees for Innovative Technology, CFDA number 81.126, in the amount of 100% of the loan amount. Secure Energy Inc. hopes to use this funding to finance a Coal to Pipeline quality Synthetic Natural Gas Plant to use our nation's coal reserves to produce Alternative Energy.

Secure Energy Inc., a St. Louis based company, has proven itself dedicated to our nation attaining energy security. They promote coal conservation as well as focus on alternative sources of energy through developing and investing in plants that produce synthetic natural gases from coal. The development of this Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) is beneficial to not only my constituents in Missouri, but to all Americans. Natural gases produced here in the United States account for only 4% of the world production, but coal found in the United States accounts for 25% of the world production. By utilizing what we do have to produce more efficient, cleaner, and domestic energy America can secure its energy future.

It is my hope that you give their application full and favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher S. Bond

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 7A257
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The American Centrifuge Plant in Ohio is critical to the economic well-being of southern Ohio, to domestic energy security and to establishing the United States as the leader of advanced nuclear technology in the international market place. Because of these important reasons, we are writing to ask that the Department of Energy continue to move forward with the implementation of the loan guarantee program and expedite the review and selection process that Congress authorized in TitleXVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We believe the American Centrifuge Plant meets the requirements outlined in the law, and that an American company should be one of the first recipients of a United States government loan guarantee. We know that the success of the loan guarantee program is important to you and the Administration, and selecting well-qualified applicants is key to that success. If the American Centrifuge Plant, which will use U.S.-based technology is selected, we strongly encourage the Department to begin discussions as soon as possible to develop terms and conditions and make an initial commitment before the end of the year.

The successful deployment of the American Centrifuge Plant will provide significant savings in energy consumption and reduce emissions that are important for a healthier environment. In addition, it will showcase the American entrepreneurial spirit and technology in the nuclear renaissance. Equally important, the facility will create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs to a region that desperately needs high-paying jobs and an economic revival.

Mr. Secretary, we hope you will give serious consideration to quickly advancing the implementation of the loan guarantee program once you have selected the qualified candidates. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and we stand ready to provide any assistance that may be needed from Congress to expedite this program.

Sincerely,

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October 3,2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

The construction of the American Centrifuge Plant (ACP) located in Piketon, Ohio, is critical to the economic well-being of southern Ohio, to domestic energy security and to re-establishing America's global leadership in advanced nuclear technology. The plant, operated by the United States Enrichment Corporation, a subsidiary of USEC Inc., of Bethesda, Maryland, is located at the former site of the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The closure of this plant in 2001 devastated the economy of the entire region. Today, Pike County has been designated a distressed county by the Appalachian Regional Commission and continues to struggle with the loss of its largest employer. We are writing to ask that DOE continue to move forward with the implementation of the loan guarantee program and expedite the review and selection process that Congress authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We believe the ACP project meets the requirements outlined in the law. It is vital to the national security of the United States that an American-owned enrichment company, using American technology, is fully operational. Should the ACP qualify for the loan guarantee, we strongly encourage the Department to begin discussions as soon as possible to develop terms and conditions and make an initial commitment before the end of the year.

The successful deployment of the ACP will provide significant savings in energy consumption and reduced carbon emissions. In addition, the plant will enable the United States to continue to produce enriched uranium domestically. Equally important, the facility will create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs to a region that is in desperate need of an economic revival.

We hope you will move to quickly advance the implementation of the loan guarantee program and give the ACP every consideration. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and we stand ready to provide any assistance that may be needed from Congress to expedite this program.

Sincerely,

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October 15, 2008

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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write to bring to your attention a program that is important to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and thousands of autoworkers across my state. As you know, the Fiscal Year 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act appropriated funds for the expedited implementation of the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program. This program was authorized last December by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and aims to assist manufacturers with the increased production of fuel efficient vehicles.

To ensure that this program is promptly implemented, the Continuing Resolution directs the Department of Energy to issue regulations necessary to administer this program within 60 days of enactment. Recently, Ford Motor Company announced plans to transform the Louisville Assembly Plant, which produces the Ford Explorer and the Mercury Mountaineer, to build the next generation of fuel efficient vehicles. On October 9, the Manager of the Louisville Assembly Plant wrote me to emphasize the importance of timely access to low cost capital for the transformation of the Louisville production facility.

I believe that it is vitally important that the Department of Energy comply with the 60-day rulemaking obligation in order to accelerate the retooling of existing American vehicle manufacturing facilities, such as the Louisville Assembly Plant, for the production of new fuel-efficient vehicles. This loan assistance will help protect the livelihood of thousands of Kentucky autoworkers and can also serve as an important stimulus to the American economy.

Expedited implementation of this loan program is essential. In light of the economic importance of this program to the Commonwealth, I ask that you give my request for swift action appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

MITCH McCONNELL
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October 22,2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to express interest in the recently funded program to provide loans to automobile and component manufacturers to produce advanced technology vehicles. As the Department of Energy implements this important program, we request an update before the end of the year on how the program is being implemented to ensure that it meets its intended purposes.

This program is designed to encourage the development of new, advanced technologies, with the goal of producing vehicles with increased fuel efficiency. With these new loans, automobile and component manufacturers will be able to advance their technology development and increase our energy security.

The potential benefits of this program are significant, not only for our environment, but also for the economy. As such, it is critical that this program reflect consultation with all automotive manufacturers in the United States and that the program comprehend the participation of all such automotive manufacturers that meet the program's technological objectives. If either of these criteria is not met it will limit either the scope of technology advancements fostered or the magnitude of the economic impact.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to consulting with you and the Department on these issues.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander
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United States Senator

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October 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to express interest in the recently funded program to provide loans to automobile and component manufacturers to produce advanced technology vehicles. As the Department of Energy implements this important program, I am requesting to be kept informed on how the program is being implemented to ensure it meets its intended purposes.

This program is designed to encourage the development of new, advanced technologies, with the goal of producing vehicles with increased fuel efficiency. With these new loans, automobile and component manufacturers will be able to advance their technology development and increase our energy security.

The potential benefits of this program are significant for our environment and for our economy. It is critical that this program reflect consultation with all automotive manufacturers in the United States and that the program comprehend the participation of all such automotive manufacturers that meet the program's technological objectives. If either of these criteria is not met it will limit either the scope of technology advancement fostered or the magnitude of the economic impact.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you and the Department.

Sincerely,

Bart Gordon

BART GORDON
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

As you know, the federal auto loan program was originally created as part of the *Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-140). This program authorizes the Department of Energy to provide a total of $25 billion in direct loans to help the automotive industry retool plants to produce fuel-efficient vehicles to comply with the higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. As part of the *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009* (Public Law 110-329), Congress provided $7.5 billion to fully fund the loan subsidy for this initiative.

I join with many of my colleagues in strongly urging you to proceed with implementing this new program as quickly as possible so that we can have a viable auto manufacturing sector in the United States making the cars of the future. I am proud to represent more than 2,000 workers who are employed at the Belvidere, Illinois Chrysler assembly plan and the associated suppliers surrounding the plant. I also represent many other suppliers to the entire auto industry, such as fastener manufacturers.

However, I am concerned about the source of the new tooling that would be purchased under this program. I also represent many small tool & die makers and industrial mold builders. I have heard and seen too many anecdotal stories where the Big 3 automakers buy foreign made tools and molds priced even below the cost of the raw materials. These small firms are rapidly disappearing, particularly those that were reliant on the automotive industry, and are too cash-poor to challenge these practices through the filing of trade cases. The U.S. is losing this important and foundational aspect of the manufacturing sector of our economy.

It makes no sense for the federal government to bolster one set of manufacturers, based by the full faith and credit of the taxpayer, at the expense of other manufacturers. Why should the American taxpayer subsidize the purchase of foreign-made tooling as the Big 3 auto companies modernize their plants? The solution to this dilemma can be found in the original

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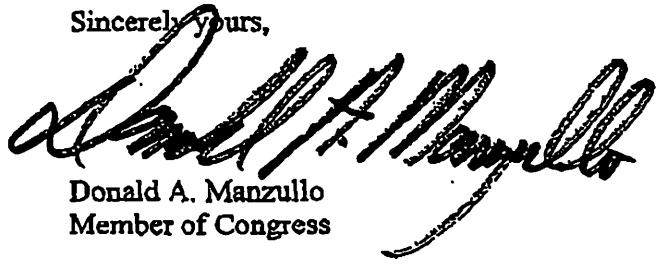
legislation. The 2007 Energy Act also includes a provision that gives the Department of Energy the authority to impose "other criteria as may be established and published by the Secretary" to select eligible projects for this program. I strongly urge you to insure that the equipment purchased by the automakers are sourced and manufactured in the United States to the maximum extent practicable. This could be a win-win for all manufacturers throughout the United States.

A good model to follow is the U.S./foreign content policy of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im). For Ex-Im, each of the products itemized on an invoice that it supports must be produced or manufactured in the United States. The value of each product must be at least 51 percent of U.S. origin (as defined by labor, material, and components). Ex-Im will only issue a taxpayer-backed loan for the portion of a product that has at least 51 percent U.S. content. This provides a strong monetary incentive to have the highest level of U.S. content in a particular good supported by the U.S. government.

I recognize that in some rare cases, there may not be a U.S. source of a particular piece of tooling equipment sought by the auto industry. In those instances, I would support a waiver but only if appropriate U.S. industry association representatives are notified well in advance that there appears to be no U.S. source of a particular piece of equipment in order to give them sufficient time to find a potential U.S. supplier.

I hope that this can produce a positive result for everyone involved in car and truck manufacturing in America. I look forward to your timely response. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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October 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
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RE: Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP), as well as reiterate the discussion points recently shared with Deputy Secretary Jeff Kupfer. Given the importance and impact of this federal loan program, we are respectfully requesting that the Department of Energy consider a series of prioritization factors when promulgating the final ATVMLP rules.

While these factors may not be 100% all encompassing per se, we believe that they capture and are also consistent with the ATVMLP's legislative intent. To assist with the Department's quantification of these factors, we have offered some recommended benchmarks. These benchmarks will provide ancillary guidance for ATVMLP applicants and staff alike. Details regarding these factors and their related benchmarks are outlined below.

Economic & Job Impacts

- Facilities and/or locations that have received official ceased production or closure status should be given a higher funding preference.

- Automotive assembly plants and their supplier networks that represent a large share of the impacted community's economic and/or workforce base, should be given a higher funding preference.

- Retooling or expanding existing automotive assembly plants, thereby retaining and/or creating employment positions, should be given a higher funding preference.

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Suggested Benchmarks: IMPLAN Economic Models, Unemployment Rates, Share of Employment & Income Statistics, WARN Filings, etc.

Production Capacities & Partnerships

- Assembly plants that are the oldest in age; thereby, reducing the carbon footprint associated with new production facilities, should be given a higher funding preference.
- Assembly plants that have demonstrated the highest productivity and performance levels should be given a higher funding preference.
- Assembly plants that offer production platform flexibility and the greatest "speed to market" approach by incorporating innovative retooling applications / technology should be given a higher funding preference.
- Assembly plants that adopt new fuel-efficient production platforms should be given a higher funding preference.

Suggested Benchmarks: Age of Production Facility(s), Recognized Industry Performance Metrics, Quality Awards, Proposed / Approved Production Plans, etc.

Partnerships

- Facilities and/or locations that have documented public / private automotive partnerships should be given a higher funding preference.

Suggested Benchmarks: Active / Engaged Communication, Formalized Task Forces, Proposed / Approved Plans, etc.

ATVMLP Disbursements

In addition to the aforementioned considerations, the Department should also take into account the following items when determining ATVMLP fund disbursement:

- Per company or location caps, ensuring geographic and/or market share representation.
- Disbursement flexibility, ensuring access to the approved lump sum versus incremental access.
- ATMLP implementation schedule.

Summary

Secretary Bodman, we appreciate this input opportunity and look forward to an active dialogue about these suggested ATVMLP parameters. After you have reviewed these recommendations, we would appreciate your timely and specific feedback regarding these benchmarks. If you have any questions or wish to further explore these concepts, please do not hesitate to contact us directly. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Herb Kohl

Senator Russ Feingold

Congressman Paul Ryan

Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

cc: Jeff Kupfer, Department of Energy – Deputy Secretary

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October 29,2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write on behalf of Mr. Dan Janka, President of MAG Industrial Automation Systems, who has contacted me regarding the rulemaking for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program. I would appreciate your review and response to my constituent's questions and concerns.

I have enclosed a copy of my constituent's correspondence, for your information. Please direct any inquiries and all relevant information to Allison Thompson in my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I will look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Bear Mr. Secretary:

The Idaho congressional delegation strongly supports the application of AREVA NC, Inc., for a $2 billion loan guarantee for its planned uranium enrichment facility in Bonneville County, Idaho. Our support is based on three principal points: (i) that the project is needed to advance critical U.S. energy policy objectives; (ii) that a guarantee for the project should expose the Department to only minimal financial risk; and (iii) that without the guarantee, the project may well not succeed.

The AREVA facility is vital to future U.S. enrichment capacity, As you know, U.S. demand for enrichment services is expected to increase substantially in future years. Studies show U.S. capacity is forecasted to expand as well, but a substantial shortfall is expected. The AREVA project is expected to account for almost 23 percent of planned U.S. future capacity and, because the plant is modular, it can easily be expanded to increase that percentage. Without the project, the U.S. will rely to an increasing degree on foreign imports. If the project succeeds it will reduce that reliance and contribute to the diversification of U.S. companies and facilities that make up the U.S. supply mix. Such diversification will enhance security of supply, increase price competition, and provide assurance that the U.S. will be a major participant in the development and use of AREVA's premier enrichment technology -- the proven ETC technology that is now used in several European facilities.

A guarantee for the project can be issued at reasonable financial risk to the federal government. The ETC technology has a proven track record of safety, reliability and economic success, thus minimizing the project and regulatory risk associated with the facility. Moreover, AREVA is a company with widely regarded economic strength. In addition, a substantial amount of the plant's capacity has already been contracted to future customers. In short, the risk of an AREVA default an any guaranteed loan should be minimal.

It is appropriate that the Department's solicitation makes "creditworthiness of the project" the most important selection criterion for reviewing guarantee

applications. Given the importance of loan guarantees to the future of nuclear power, and the clear need for additional guarantee authority if the nuclear renaissance is to be realized, it is vital that the Department implement its current guarantee authority in the most prudent manner possible. A guarantee for the AREVA project would be consistent with that level of prudence.

Notwithstanding the low risk of default a guarantee is needed to assure adequate financing for the project and its ultimate success. The current credit crisis is likely to put in jeopardy many long-term nuclear projects. Even in better times, the ability of project sponsors to finance projects like this one in the United States is untested and may be subject to serious obstacles, We are concerned that, without a guarantee, credit will not be available for the project, or will be available on such burdensome terms that the project's success cannot be assured. Put simply, the fate of the project may well be tied *to the* fate of the guarantee AREVA is seeking.

The Department has an opportunity, through the issuance of a loan guarantee for the Bonneville County facility, to advance a project that is vital to the U.S. nuclear energy future. The AREVA project should proceed with minimal financial risk to the federal government and in a manner that will enhance the future of the loan guarantee program itself. Finally, we are concerned that if the guarantee is not issued, the project and the objectives intended for it will be seriously jeopardized. For these reasons, we support AREVA's guarantee application and urge the Department to act favorably an it. We look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

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November 25, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

I write to urge your strong consideration of Excelsior Energy's Application for a loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct of 2005). As you may know, Excelsior Energy's Mesaba Project is designed to deploy the latest in clean coal technology.

America's struggle to meet its growing energy needs and deal with high natural gas and heating oil prices clearly demonstrates the need to develop and deploy clean coal technologies. The United States needs clean coal technology in order to economically meet our energy demands with domestic resources, while being responsible stewards of the environment. We have a 250 year supply of coal – clean coal is key to realizing the benefits of this tremendous natural resource in the future.

Excelsior's Mesaba Energy Project, located on Minnesota's Iron Range, is focused on making clean coal technology a reality. It is an innovative, state-of-the-art Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) technology, which is just the type of project our country will benefit from pursuing. As Department of Energy Assistant Secretary Jeffrey Jarrett has noted, "This project is a prime example of our Administration's efforts to ensure our nation's energy future. Advancing the technology for clean coal is a critical element of ensuring adequate, domestic power supplies, while safeguarding the environment for future generations."

Thank you for your dedication to solving America's energy challenges. I appreciate your consideration of the many merits of this project, and if you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

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December 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of the Department of Energy's June 2008 solicitation of loan guarantee proposals for front end nuclear facilities (DE-PS01-08LG00003). As I understand, up to $2 billion will be available for these projects under the solicitation. Given the energy challenges facing the United States, solicitations such as these are essential for ensuring we have the necessary infrastructure to meet our energy needs through a variety of sources that also reduce our emission of greenhouse gases.

Without the construction of new front end nuclear facilities, the United States will be unable to produce enough fuel to power its nuclear reactors, continuing to leave us dependent on other countries for our energy supplies. Unfortunately, the Department of Energy's ability to provide loan guarantees for these projects meets less than half of the need for such assistance. The current economic downturn has also made it hard for large capital projects such as these to be assured of funding from outside sources. These conditions require that the Federal Government be as judicious as possible when spending taxpayer money and ensure that funding goes towards those projects that will provide a maximum returns on the investment. I believe that the criteria established in the solicitation place appropriate emphasis on the technical and programmatic readiness and the creditworthiness of the proposals, both key elements to ensuring a project succeeds.

I have long supported the use of loan guarantees as an effective means of incentivizing the private sector to pursue projects that will yield emissions reductions and move us away from a dependence on foreign oil. This solicitation, along with others to support the development of new nuclear facilities and uranium enrichment facilities, are essential to that strategy. Furthermore, the success of this solicitation will send an important signal as to the need for and viability of potential future loan guarantee opportunities.

Given these challenges, it is imperative that this selection process be conducted in a fully transparent manner, consistent with the criteria established in the solicitation. I encourage you to continue proceeding in such a manner and I look forward to the final selections being announced.

Sincerely,

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December 9,2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary, United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

This letter is to indicate my support for the application submitted by Integrity Automotive, LLC and ZAP (Zero Air Pollution), to the Department of Energy for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (Section 136).

As you may know, Integrity and ZAP are ready to begin producing 100% electric vehicles within four months of receiving the funding the company is requesting from the Department of Energy. With these funds, the company will construct and equip a new LEED's certified facility in Franklin, Kentucky which will have the mass production capacity to manufacture up to 100,000 vehicles annually.

The company's new manufacturing plant will be in place within nine months of DOE funding and will introduce 100% electric, new generation ZAP commuter vehicles with a range of 150 miles between 20 minute recharges, at highway speeds.

Please note that ZAP is one of the only U.S. companies that is actually hiring auto workers to deliver their current full range of electric vehicles including electric scooters, electric all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and electric "city speed" trucks and cars. If we are going to invest in new technologies, support can not simply be limited to the "Big 3", but should also go to small business, with new ideas.

It is my hope that the Department of Energy will support Integrity Automotive and ZAP's request for funding to quickly bring U.S. manufactured electric vehicles to all consumers at an affordable price. If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please contact Jamie Girard of my staff at 202-225-5161.

Sincerely,

Lynn C. Woolsey
Member of Congress

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Secretary Samuel Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am deeply concerned about the delay in the implementation of the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Although authorized by Congress as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, it is my understanding that the program has yet to approve a single loan.

Renewable energy technologies, including solar, hydrogen, wind, and biomass, are vital in reducing our nation's dependency on foreign oil and greenhouse gas emissions. The purpose of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and additional legislation included in the Energy, Independence, and Security Act of 2007 was to encourage commercial use of these new technologies and to bring them to the market quickly. Continued delays in processing and approving loan applications are simply unacceptable.

In the current economic climate, it is clear that we need to incentivize investments in energy efficient technologies that will create new green jobs and be an integral part of our country's economic growth. I request that your Agency give my staff a briefing on the status of the Loan Guarantee Program and keep me apprised of any new updates.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer

Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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December 9, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As members of the Virginia Congressional delegation, we are writing with regard to the U.S. Department of Energy's recent solicitation of loan guarantee proposals for nuclear reactors and uranium enrichment facilities. As a delegation, we are supportive of the solicitation and it is our hope that the loan guarantee selection process will be completed in a fair, timely, and fiscally responsible manner.

It is not surprising that the amount of loan guarantees applied for far exceeds the amount of guarantee authority available. As the Department begins the selection process we believe that you should be highly sensitive to the government's exposure to financial risk as a result of any guarantee approved under the program. It is commendable that the Department's solicitation makes "creditworthiness of the project" by far the most important selection criterion between competing guarantee applications. This important criterion is especially vital given these challenging economic times.

A fiscally responsible selection has the potential to demonstrate to future Administrations and Congressional decision makers that the loan guarantee program can be administered in a prudent and responsible manner. If it can be said to those decision makers that the loan guarantee program has been run fairly and in a fiscally responsible manner, decision makers will have a higher degree of confidence in the program and its ability to foster a revitalized nuclear power sector. If it cannot, and if the Department's record is blemished with a series of costly defaults, we fear it will jeopardize the prospect for future loan guarantee projects.

It is also our hope that this process is administered fairly. It is essential for the Department to adhere systematically to the criteria of its solicitations and to provide the most objective application possible of the criteria. The support any given guarantee application receives from relevant stakeholders - that is not related to the selection criteria - while of course welcome, should not be allowed to divert the Department's attention in any way from those selection criteria.

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We believe that the Department has an opportunity, through the issuance of loan guarantees, for nuclear reactors and uranium enrichment facilities, to advance projects that are vital to U.S. energy policies. We are confident that it can do so with minimal financial risk to the federal government and in a manner that will enhance the future of the loan guarantee program itself. In light of the dedication and talents you have consistently exhibited, we have every confidence you will be able to produce that result. Again, we applaud your efforts, and we ask that you keep us informed of important developments regarding your selection process.

Sincerely,

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 10, 2008

Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write to express our support for the Ohio River Clean Fuels (ORCF) application submitted by Baard Energy to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Federal Loan Guarantee Program.

As you may know, Baard Energy wishes to construct a 53,000 barrel per day Coal and Biomass to Liquids (CBTL) facility in Wellsville, Ohio. According to Baard Energy, the ORCF project would produce cost-competitive ultra-clean fuels made from domestic sources of coal and biomass. Fuel produced at the facility would contain lower levels of PM10, NOx, SOx, and VOC than traditional fuel sources when burned. Equally important, the ORCF plant would utilize cutting edge carbon capture and storage technology to capture more than 80 percent of CO2 emissions. This technology also has the potential to utilize the captured CO2 in enhanced oil recovery in the mature oil fields of Eastern Ohio.

It is our understanding that the plant would be capable of producing synthetic jet fuel, diesel fuel, and other valued chemical feed stocks. These CBTL fuels can be easily blended with existing fuel stocks or used in a pure state. As a result of ORCF's commitment to carbon capture and sequestration technology and reliance on biomass feedstocks, it is our understanding that the plant's carbon footprint would be approximately 40 percent less than the carbon footprint of fuels made in traditional oil refineries.

Economically, the plant would employ thousands of highly skilled laborers and craftsmen during construction and create hundreds of full time, high-wage jobs in the long term. Upon completion, Baard's facility would serve as an economic catalyst in a part of Ohio that has been particularly hard hit by the recent economic crisis, be a stable and significant purchaser of locally mined coal, and help our country improve its energy security.

There has never been a commercial scale CBTL production facility in the United States. As such, we are excited that Ohio is positioned to continue as a leader in the alternative fuels industry. A DOE loan guarantee is a critical step in the development of this alternative transportation fuel project in Ohio. We respectfully request that based on the stated carbon reductions and environmental impact statement provided by Baard Energy LLC., DOE give all due consideration to the ORCF application. We look forward to working with you and your department on this important project.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program
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RE: DOE-HQ-2008-0020

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing regarding the U.S. Department of Energy's Interim Final Rule for the administration of the Advance Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (DOE-HQ-2008-0020). In light of the concerns expressed to me by manufacturers located in the Second Congressional District, which I represent, I am submitting comment concerning Subpart B - Direct Loan Program, Section 611.101, paragraph (g), which states:

> An analysis of projected market use for any product (vehicle or component) to be produced by or through the project, including relevant data and assumptions justifying the analysis, **and copies of any contractual agreements for the sale of these products** or assurance of the revenues to be generated from sale of these products;

It is my understanding that the requirement fails to consider the nature of the automotive supply chain and the potential unintended assignment of preferential treatment to component suppliers that maintain active Advance Technology Vehicle (ATV) component contracts with the automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) and Tier One Suppliers, over those that do not.

It is further my understanding that in response to questions regarding this provision of the rules, during the December 5, 2009 Public Hearing held by DOE concerning administration of the direct loan program, it was stated that loan applications, for component suppliers, would be given priority consideration if there was contractual proof that the qualifying components would be installed on Advanced Technology Vehicles.

I certainly understand that inclusion of "contractual agreements" for supply of components to an OEM for a specific ATV would aim to achieve the intent of Congress for this legislation by attempting to ensure "eligible components" are installed on ATV's. However, to the extent that the law does not exclude lower tier component suppliers who do not contract directly with automotive manufacturers, the allocation of preference to those able to provide contractual evidence has the potential effect of tilting the playing field in favor of OEMs and tier one suppliers and away from smaller component supplier equally in need of the funding.

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It is difficult for a component level automotive supplier to guarantee that their "eligible components" will be installed on an ATV. Tier two automotive suppliers' niche in the supply chain - and specifically in the case of my constituent manufacturers - is assisting the OEMs and tier one suppliers to reach goals such as weight reduction and fuel efficiency and thereby allowing GM, Ford and Chrysler in meeting their ATV performance targets.

Despite the fact that these tier two suppliers' component parts have been utilized by many vehicles that meet the ATV performance targets, the writing of the rule suggests they will be prejudiced from accessing the direct loan program merely because of their place in the automotive supply chain.

Due to the severe economic conditions that exist for the automotive industry, I request that consideration be provided in the drafting of a final rule for leveling the playing field and eliminating preferential treatment for those companies that have direct ATV component supply contracts. Viable companies with demonstrable success of having their components included in fuel efficient vehicles should have equal opportunity to access funds from the direct loan program.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pete Hoekstra
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
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December 12, 2008

Mr. David Frantz
Director
U.S. DOE Loan Guarantee Program Office CF 1.3
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Dear Director Frantz:

The proposed Medicine Bow Fuel & Power coal-to-gasoline project will provide new supplies of transportation fuels to American consumers, promote American energy independence by harnessing a domestic U.S. fuel source, and protect the environment by capturing and storing carbon dioxide (CO_2). We urge you to approve a federal loan guarantee for this project.

Medicine Bow Fuel and Power, LLC proposes to build a plant in Wyoming to convert locally mined coal into approximately 840,000 gallons of gasoline per day. As part of the production process, the plant will capture CO_2 produced in the process and pump that CO_2 back into the ground to produce additional crude oil in a process called enhanced oil recovery (EOR). This will produce additional oil from depleted U.S. oil reservoirs for America's consumers while at the same time capturing and sequestering the CO_2 originating from the gasoline production process. This EOR technique has been used successfully for over 30-years in numerous oil and gas regions in the United States and is a proven process.

The Medicine Bow Fuel and Power coal-to-gasoline project will allow the U.S. to decrease its dependence on foreign oil. The gasoline produced will be sold into the Denver, Colorado market and will replace gasoline currently imported into the Denver region from the Gulf Coast – the point of entry for much of the crude oil imported into the United States.

The Medicine Bow Fuel and Power coal-to-gasoline project will also produce gasoline that is environmentally friendly. The gasoline produced will have low levels of sulfur and benzene and result in lower CO_2 emissions on a well to wheels basis than that originating from refined products produced from Saudi Arabian and Venezuelan imports. Furthermore, the project will allow the U.S. to demonstrate carbon capture and storage techniques that are critical to clean coal technology.

The government's participation in projects like this is essential if our nation is ever to develop the independent and environmentally protective energy our times demand. We urge your full consideration and support for this project.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Enzi
United States Senate

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cc: Dan Tobin, Senior Investment Officer, U.S. DOE Loan Guarantee Program

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Loan Guarantee Program Office
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Re: Oglethorpe Power Corporation's loan guarantee application for Vogtle 3 & 4

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of Oglethorpe Power Corporation to request that the Department of Energy (DOE) reconsider a legal position, put forth on Monday of this week, that effectively disqualifies nuclear loan guarantee applicants with txaditional undivided ownership interest structures (i e , those entities jointly owning a project, but financing each ownership interest independently) The txaditional undivided ownership interest structure is not unusual and is used commonly for large, capital intensive projects such as base load power plants in order to effect joint ownership of a single plant among the investor owned, municipal and cooperative utilities. Oglethorpe Power Corporation is a 30% joint owner in the Vogtle 3 & 4 project, one of the first "next generation" nuclear plants under development in Georgia The DOE's legal interpretation of the statute governing the loan guarantee program is unnecessarily restrictive and will disqualify many utilities, including Oglethorpe, Georgia Power Company, and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG), from seeking nuclear loan guarantees under this very common structure

The nuclear loan guarantee program provides very advantageous financing and is of utmost importance to Oglethorpe Power Corporation and the other co-owners of the Vogtle 3 & 4 project seeking loan guarantees When creating the program, Congress recognized that a federal loan guarantee program was an essential component of the renewal of the U.S. nuclear generating industry. The DOE's current interpretation of the statute severely limits the effectiveness of the guarantee program in a way we are confident was not intended by Congress. The federal government, through the U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service has been accepting this form of ownership for decades. As a practical matter, the DOE's interpretation will disqualify the vast majority of new nuclear generating projects from

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participating in the program, and will make the DOE loan guarantee program unavailable for all electric cooperatives, including Oglethorpe Power. Given the Rural Utilities Service's current moratorium on lending to finance baseload generation, all cooperatives will be left without access to low interest rate financing that is essential to bringing the benefits of new nuclear generation to rural communities throughout the United States at seasonable rates.

Oglethorpe, Georgia Power and MEAG submitted preliminary Part I applications in September 2008 seeking loan guarantees for the Vogtle 3 & 4 project under a traditional undivided ownership interest structure, and each applicant paid an initial non-refundable $200,000 fee.. Collectively, these three applicants were informed in late November that based on their Part I applications, the Vogtle 3 & 4 project was ranked first (#1) among a field of fourteen (14) applicants. Final Part II applications are due this Friday, December 19th and require an additional non-refundable $600,000 fee per applicant. Given the DOE's surprising position on finding traditional undivided ownership interest structures unacceptable, put forth just four days prior to the deadline for final Part II applications, Oglethorpe is requesting that the DOE make a more reasonable interpretation of the statute that would allow traditional undivided ownership interest structures to qualify. If there is insufficient time for the DOE to reconsider their legal position on this issue before this Friday, we are requesting that the non-refundable $600,000 fee for submitting the final application be deferred for applicants filing under the traditional undivided ownership interest structure until the DOE has time to reconsider this issue and to make a final determination..

We would greatly appreciate your support on this issue.. This is an extremely important issue to the approximately 4 million Georgians served by Oglethorpe Power's member electric cooperatives..

Sincerely,

John Barrow

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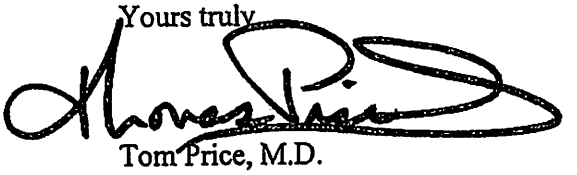

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Dear Director Frantz:

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The traditional, undivided ownership interest structure is not unusual and is common in large, capital-intensive projects such as base load power plants. This structure allows for joint ownership of a single plant among investor owned, municipal and cooperative utilities. Oglethorpe Power Corporation is a 30 percent joint-owner in the Vogtle 3 & 4 project, one of the first "next generation" nuclear plants under development in Georgia. DOE's legal interpretation of the statute governing the loan guarantee program is unnecessarily restrictive, and will disqualify many utilities including Oglethorpe, Georgia Power Company and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG), from seeking nuclear loan guarantees under this very common structure.

The nuclear loan guarantee program provides very advantageous financing and is of utmost importance to Oglethorpe Power Corporation and other co-owners of the Vogtle 3 & 4 project seeking loan guarantees. When creating the program, Congress recognized that a federal loan guarantee program was an essential component of the renewal of the U.S. nuclear generating industry. DOE's current interpretation of the statute severely limits the effectiveness of the guarantee program in a way, which was likely not intended by Congress. Precedent for federal acceptance of the traditional undivided ownership interest structure already exists; as you may know, the U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service has been accepting this form of ownership for decades. As a practical matter, DOE's interpretation will disqualify the

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vast majority of new nuclear generating projects from participating in the program, and will make the DOE loan guarantee program unavailable for all electric cooperatives, including Oglethorpe Power. Given the Rural Utilities Service's current moratorium on lending to finance baseload generation, all cooperatives will be left without access to low interest rate financing that is essential to bringing the benefits of new nuclear generation to rural communities throughout the United States at reasonable rates.

Oglethorpe, Georgia Power and MEAG submitted preliminary Part I applications in September 2008 seeking loan guarantees for the Vogtle 3 & 4 project under a traditional undivided ownership interest structure, and each applicant paid an initial non-refundable $200,000 fee. Collectively, these three applicants were informed in late November that based on their Part I applications, the Vogtle 3 & 4 project was ranked first (#1) among a field of fourteen (14) applicants. Final Part II applications are due this Friday, December 19, and require an additional non-refundable $600,000 fee per applicant. Given DOE's surprising position on finding traditional undivided ownership interest structures unacceptable, issued just four days prior to the deadline for final Part II applications, Oglethorpe is requesting that DOE reconsider its interpretation of the statute to allow traditional undivided ownership interest structures to qualify. If there is insufficient time for DOE to reconsider their legal position on this issue before this Friday, I am requesting that the non-refundable $600,000 fee for submitting the final application be deferred for applicants filing under the traditional undivided ownership interest structure until DOE has time to reconsider this issue and to make a final determination.

I would greatly appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. This is an extremely important issue to my constituents and the approximately four million Georgians served by Oglethorpe Power's member electric cooperatives.

Sincerely,

David Scott
Member of Congress

cc: Lisa E. Epifani, DOE
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Dennis R. Spurgeon, DOE

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December 19, 2008

Mr. David G. Frantz
Director
Loan Guarantee Program Office
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing on behalf of Oglethorpe Power Corporation to request that the Department of Energy (DOE) reconsider a legal position issued on December 15, 2008 that effectively disqualifies nuclear loan guarantee applicants with traditional undivided ownership interest structures (i.e., those entities jointly owning a project, but financing each ownership interest independently).

As you know, the traditional undivided ownership interest structure is not unusual and is commonly used for large capital intensive projects such as base load power plants in order to effect joint ownership of a single plant among the investor owned, municipal and cooperative utilities. Oglethorpe Power Corporation is a 30% joint owner in the Vogtle 3 & 4 project, one of the first "next generation" nuclear plants under development in Georgia. I am very concerned that the DOE's legal interpretation of the statute governing the loan guarantee program is unnecessarily restrictive and will disqualify many utilities, including Oglethorpe, Georgia Power Company, and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG), from seeking nuclear loan guarantees under this very common structure.

The nuclear loan guarantee program provides very advantageous financing and is of utmost importance to Oglethorpe Power Corporation and the other co-owners of the Vogtle 3 & 4 project seeking loan guarantees. When creating the program, Congress recognized that a federal loan guarantee program was an essential component of the renewal of the U.S. nuclear generating industry. The DOE's current interpretation of the statute severely limits the effectiveness of the guarantee program in a way I am confident was not intended by Congress. The federal government, through the U.S Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service has been accepting this form of ownership for decades. As a practical matter, the DOE's interpretation will disqualify the vast majority of new nuclear generating projects from participating in the program, and will make the DOE loan guarantee program unavailable for all electric cooperatives, including Oglethorpe Power. Given the Rural Utilities Service's current moratorium on lending

to finance baseload generation, all cooperatives will be left without access to low interest rate financing that is essential to bringing the benefits of new nuclear generation to rural communities throughout the United States at reasonable rates.

Oglethorpe, Georgia Power and MEAG submitted preliminary Part I applications in September 2008 seeking loan guarantees for the Vogtle 3 & 4 project under a traditional undivided ownership interest structure, and each applicant paid an initial non-refundable $200,000 fee. Collectively, these three applicants were informed in late November that based on their Part I applications, the Vogtle 3 & 4 project was ranked first (#1) among a field of fourteen (14) applicants. Final Part II applications are due on December 19, 2008 and require an additional non-refundable $600,000 fee per applicant. Given the DOE's surprising position on finding traditional undivided ownership interest structures unacceptable, issued just four days prior to the deadline for final Part II applications, Oglethorpe is requesting that the DOE make a more reasonable interpretation of the statute that would allow traditional undivided ownership interest structures to qualify.

If there is insufficient time for the DOE to reconsider their legal position on this issue before December 18, I am requesting that the non-refundable $600,000 fee for submitting the final application be deferred for applicants filing under the traditional undivided ownership interest structure until the DOE has time to reconsider this issue and to make a final determination.

I would greatly appreciate your support on this issue in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. This issue is an extremely issue to the approximately four million Georgians served by Oglethorpe Power's member electric cooperatives.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress

cc: Lisa E. Epifani, DOE
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December 23 in the Year of our Lord 2008

Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the loan application of the Thoroughbred Motorsports Inc. It is my understanding that citizens across the United States would greatly benefit from the Stallion trike.

According to the Thoroughbred Motorsports Inc., the loan would provide the necessary funds for engineering, research, and the equipment for continual development of the Stallion, a fuel efficient-vehicle. The push towards fuel efficiency is one of the steps in decreasing America's dependence on oil.

It is my hope that you will give every possible consideration to the loan application submitted by the Thoroughbred Motorsports, Inc. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hon. Louie Gohmert

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January 2, 2009

Mr. David G. Frantz, Director
Loan Guarantee Program Office
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0121

Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing to request that the Department of Energy (DOE)extend the deadline for nuclear loan guarantee applicants filing under the traditional undivided ownership interest structure until the DOE has more time to discuss its recent legal interpretation with potential applicants.

I have been told that the DOE recently issued a legal position that could effectively disqualify nuclear loan guarantee applicants with traditional undivided ownership interest structures (i.e., those entities jointly owning a project but financing each ownership interest independently).This could exclude a large number of applicants from participating in the program, including electric cooperatives such as Oglethorpe Power.

Oglethorpe Power, Georgia Power, and the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG)submitted preliminary applications in September 2008 for the Vogtle 3 & 4 Project under a traditional undivided ownership interest structure, and each applicant paid an initial non-refundable $200,000 fee. These three joint applicants were informed in late November that based on their initial applications the Vogtle 3 & 4 Project was ranked first among a field of fourteen applicants. They moved forward with the second phase of the application process without any warning of how this new legal position could exclude them from the program. Thus, they deserve additional time to review this new legal interpretation and discuss the issue with your office to see if there is some way to continue in the program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. This is an extremely important issue to the approximately 4 million Georgians served by Oglethorpe Power's electric cooperatives.

Very truly yours,

JM:tn

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January 8,2009

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington. DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Indiana Energy Systems Network's (IESN) Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loan application for its Hoosier Heavy Hybrid Partnership Program.

The Hoosier Heavy Hybrid Partnership Program is a unique partnership of several of Indiana's automotive companies that are seeking to develop a fully integrated hybrid power train system. Members of the partnership are leaders in hybrid technology and their collaboration presents a unique opportunity to leverage their collective and complementary resources to enhance innovation and increase the speed of getting the nest generation of high-performance and cost-effective hybrid technologies to the market.

In addition, these companies seek to develop and commercialize a next generation plug-in hybrid smart-change interface that will enable advanced technology vehicles to be powered by clean renewable energy.

Given Indiana's long history of automotive innovation from pioncering the development of the modem electric power train to engineering an array of hybrid vehicle components that are produced for the U.S. market, Hoosier companies have continually demonstrated that they have both the experience and expertise to successfully engineer and manufacture advanced technology vehicle components.

I strongly support this application and request that it receive your fullest attention.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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January 14,2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to express my support of Aptera Motors' application for a loan under the Department of Energy's 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP). Funding will allow Aptera to establish U.S. manufacturing facilities for the commercial production of its plug-in and hybrid electric cars. Aptera Motors plans to purchase and equip manufacturing facilities to begin commercial-scale production of its energy efficient electric vehicles. Awarding this opportunity to Aptera Motors will greatly assist a leading developer of electric vehicles in my district.

Electric vehicle initiatives like Aptera's will aid U.S. long-term energy goals by shifting away from fossil fuels and using viable renewable energy sources like plug-in electric energy. Additionally, Aptera's vehicles will reduce dependence on foreign oil and enhance energy security. Aptera's project will also promote domestic job creation throughout California as well as in other states.

Unlike many other electric vehicles, Aptera's energy efficient electric vehicles have a range of over 100 miles per charge and the possibility to become one of the most energy efficient vehicles in the world. A loan to Aptera will help accelerate the move from gasoline-powered vehicles to cleaner electric vehicles.

I urge you to give Aptera Motors' Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program funding application full consideration. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Press Assistant, Justin LoFranco at (202) 225-3906.

Respectfully,

Darrell Issa
Member of Congress

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January 14,2009

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am contacting you to express my support for Integrity Automotive, LLC, and its recent application for funding through DOE's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

Integrity Automotive has plans to manufacture all-electric vehicles in Kentucky, producing at least 100,000 vehicles annually once full production capability is reached and employing as many as 4,000 people.

I urge you and your staff to give every fair consideration to Integrity Automotive's application. I look forward to working with the Department on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Brett Guthrie

BRETT GUTHRIE
Member of Congress

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Daivd G. Frantz
Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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RE: **OptiSolar's** request to deviate from **DOE's** loan guarentee
Final Rule for solicitcation DE-FOA-0000005

Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing to offer my support to OptiSolar Inc.'s request to deviate from the Final Rule for the Department of Energy's ***Program for Innovative Energy Technologies,*** through the loan guarantee program.

OptiSolar has requested that it be permitted to delay its submittal of the Preliminary Credit Assessment as well as the first **25%** of the application fee. Due to the collapse of our financial markets and shrinking credit availability, OptiSolar and the renewable energy industry have been severely impacted. This has resulted in a three decade year low in manufacturing production and accentuated the need for the federal government to take swift and prudent action to create jobs.

If approved, the Department of Energy's loan guarantee would allow OptiSolar to complete construction of their large-scale manufacturing facility producing thin film solar photovoltaic modules for use in **OptiSolar's** photovoltaic solar power generating projects. Once fully operational, this site would employ over **1,000** permanent clean energy manufacturing jobs. OptiSolar has already completed much of the first phase of construction, and receiving funds through the loan guarantee program would enable the project to fruition, creating U.S. green jobs and accelerating our nation's solar energy generating capacity.

Again, I offer my support to OptiSolar's request to deviate from the Final Rule as permitted in Section **609.18** which states, "deviation is essential to program objectives and special circumstances stated in the request make such deviation clearly in the best interest of the Government." I believe that OptiSolar is a strong applicant to help reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil and create a strong and sustainable domestic workforce. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Doris O. Matsui

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cc: Lawrence Oliver
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January 15, 2009

David G. Frantz
Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Director Frantz:

I write this letter in support of the loan guarantee application being submitted by OptiSolar Inc. This loan guarantee will allow OptiSolar Inc. to move swiftly in completing construction of a full-scale photovoltaic manufacturing plant at the decommissioned McClellan Air Force Base.

In a period of economic upheaval, OptiSolar Inc.'s project will address short-term job creation needs and long-term demands for energy security through market ready, renewable energy resources. The completion of this project will lead to the creation of 800 permanent jobs while producing over 400 MW of thin film photovoltaic capacity annually.

Additionally, OptiSolar Inc. continues to demonstrate its market viability, executing 760 MW of power purchase agreements in the U.S. and Canada, completing a solar farm in Sacramento, CA, and constructing its first commercial solar farm in Ontario, Canada.

The near-term job creation and established track record that OptiSolar Inc. offers are driving factors in my support of this loan guarantee application and I request your support, as well.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

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January 22, 2009

Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that A123 Systems in Ann Arbor, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S Department of Energy.

A123 Systems will use this funding to support the construction of new world-class lithium ion battery manufacturing facilities in the United States, with the first construction planned for Southeast Michigan. The facilities they plan to construct will be in strategic states that have competitive supply chain and logistics benefits.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve enexgy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies axe stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country.

I know A123 Systems is very committed to producing lithium ion batteries for advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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January 22, 2009

Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that Coherix in Ann Arbor, Michigan has applied for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Over the past four years, Coherix has been providing high definition technology to powertrain companies who are developing engines, transmissions, fuel cells and batteries. This has given them insight into the pending challenges of launching and controlling the manufacturing processes when these products are produced in high volumes.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization though a low carbon economy, We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like Coherix are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country.

I know Coherix is very committed to providing in-line process control technology that is vital to manufacturing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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JAN. 22. 2009 10:47AM Senator Debbie Stabenow EXEC-2009-000761 NO

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January 22,2009

Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that EcoMotors, based in Troy, Michigan, is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

EcoMotors has developed an exciting engine technology called Opposed Piston Opposed Cylinder (OPOC) that will cut greenhouse gas emissions and increase fuel efficiency by 50% or greater. Demonstration projects, such as the one proposed in their application, will expedite the full commercialization of new advanced technology vehicles.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy, We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like EcoMotors are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country,

I know EcoMotors is committed and ready to test and produce these innovative engines for advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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January 22, 2009

Steven Chu
U.S, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that Fisker Automotive, which has its Engineering and Development Center in Pontiac, Michigan, is applying for two **Advanced** Technology Vehicle loans from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Fisker Automotive is a green American premium sports care company with a mission to create a range of environmentally friendly cars. The loans will assist them with two projects. They plan to do engineering integration for the Fisker Karma at their engineering center in Pontiac and also retool and reequip an existing U.S car factory to produce a second vehicle, the Fisker Kx.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like Fisker are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology, The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and ow country.

I know Fisker Automotive is very committed to manufacturing advanced.technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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January 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my strong support for Pittsburgh Glass Works' application to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program for funding to manufacture Sungate®EP infrared (IR) reflective glass.

This innovative glass technology developed by Pittsburgh Glass Works will improve automotive fuel efficiency by reducing the heat and air conditioning load in vehicles and thus reducing the amount of energy needed to maintain a vehicle's temperature. Tests done by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory showed that this product could reduce a vehicle's heat load by more than 20 percent. Installing this glass in vehicles has the potential to reduce American energy consumption, improving our environment and reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

In order to bring this glass to market, Pittsburgh Glass Works must secure the funding necessary to create manufacturing capabilities for this product. The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program, which was created by Congress to help automotive manufacturers reequip, expand, and establish manufacturing facilities in order to produce fuel efficient vehicles and vehicle components, is an ideal source of funding for this project.

With adequate funding, Pittsburgh Glass Works estimates that their glass could be available for commercial use in 2010. I urge you to provide Pittsburgh Glass Works with the $12,415,000 loan they have requested. This loan will allow Pittsburgh Glass Works to begin production of Sungate®EP infrared (IR) reflective glass and bring this fuel efficient innovation to market in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Jason Altmire

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January 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing regarding concerns I have with the transparency of the decision-making process for the loan applications submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, which was authorized by section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, as amended.

Section 136 authorizes the Secretary to issue grants and direct loans to applicants for the costs of reequipping, expanding, or establishing manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce qualified advanced technology vehicles, or qualifying components.

As you may know, an advanced technology vehicle industry is growing worldwide and governments in Europe and Asia have committed vast resources to build their own industries. While the U.S. has the technology and expertise in this industry, it lacks domestic production capacity and a sustained federal commitment. Consequently, our nation is falling behind. Researchers in the U.S., for instance, invented the lithium-ion battery and the Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV). However, Asia now manufactures the vast majority of the lithium-ion batteries, and a Chinese automaker rolled out a mass-produced PHEV this past December.

The money Congress appropriated for the advanced technology vehicle program represents our nation's first substantial federal commitment to electric drive transportation. It will help create and save jobs, stimulate the economy, and decrease our dependence on foreign oil, while also positioning the U.S. as a global manufacturing leader in advanced vehicle technologies. Moving beyond oil to electricity to fuel our vehicles will also provide cleaner air, fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and cost savings for consumers in terms of vehicle fueling, operation, and maintenance.

While the interim final rule, 10 CFR Part 611, sets forth eligibility criteria, application procedures, and specific terms and conditions for the receipt of grants and direct loans, it fails to specify how or when the Department of Energy will award any of those loans in a timely manner to qualified, financially viable companies.

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Section 129 (b) of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, states that Congress provided the money for direct loans as an "emergency requirement . . . to meet emergency needs." The Department then undertook an expedited rulemaking process to ensure the loans would be awarded in a timely manner. But when issuing the interim final rule, the Department stated that it may make decisions on the first tranche of loan applications "*at any time*." (Emphasis added.) Indeed, under the interim final rule, the Department is under no obligation to meet any deadline in issuing the loans.

Because Congress appropriated money for the direct loans to meet emergency needs, I believe the Department is under an obligation to issue the loans as soon as possible. This can be done by notifying applicants about the progress of their application at key points in the Department's decision making process and by making award determinations at the end of every subsequent quarter, until the appropriated funds are expended. For example, for all qualified applications submitted by financially viable companies on or before December 31, 2008, the Department should select eligible projects to receive the direct loans by March 31, 2009.

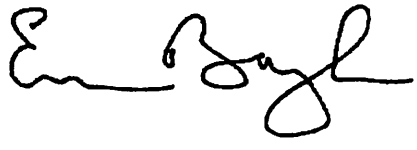
I am writing, therefore, to respectfully request that you administer the loan program in a transparent and expeditious manner. To that end, would you please provide me with:

1) A detailed explanation of the process the Department will institute to make the loan application decision making process as transparent as possible for all applicants; and,

2) The specific dates when the Department will notify applicants about the progress of their loan application at key stages in the decision making process, and in particular, the specific dates the Department will award loans for each tranche.

I look forward to your prompt response in this matter, preferably by February 2, 2009.

Sincerely,



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January 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that AG Simpson, Inc. in Sterling Heights, Michigan, is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

AG Simpson, Inc. is a leading full-service manufacturer of automotive energy absorption systems, battery trays and other products. They are seeking funding to equip, upgrade and expand their plant in Sterling Heights, which will produce components for the General Motors E-Flex Platform for electrically driven vehicles like the Chevrolet Volt.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like AG Simpson are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country.

I know AG Simpson is committed to manufacturing essential components for advanced technology vehicles, I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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January 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that THB Amexica, LLC in Sterling Heights, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

THB America designs and manufactures automotive electrical systems as well as battery cable and wiring harness assemblies. They have submitted an application for two projects. One project will be the design and development of an electrical distribution system for All Terrain Vehicles and the other is to develop an accurate and reliable current sensor system that is essential for avoiding battery overcharging in electric vehicles.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like THB America are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology, The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and ow country.

I know THB America is very committed to the development of necessary components for advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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January 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you today, on behalf of Bright Automotive to offer my support for their application for a direct loan through the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Bright Automotive is an Indiana-based firm developing a *100 mile per gallon, purpose-built, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.* The entrepreneurs at Bright Automotive are rapidly pursuing their goal to reinvigorate America's transportation sector through innovative, high volume vehicle solutions based on economics, fuel efficiency, superior design, and lightweight materials.

Bright Automotive significantly leverages the innovative automotive heritage of Indiana. Their technology and application represent enormous opportunities to improve fuel efficiency while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Bright Automotive's continued development could also generate up to 2,000 jobs directly and with key suppliers.

Bright Automotive's design has the potential to create new energy-saving vehicles that can help our national goal of radically reducing oil consumption and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

I strongly urge the Department of Energy to give Bright Automotive thorough consideration when reviewing their application for loan funding. Their efforts in this field represent the ingenuity and deliverable results need to transform America's automotive sector. If you have any additional questions, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Andrew Mills at 202-224-4814.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dick Lugar

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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January 28, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that the Vehicle Production Group, LLC in Troy, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Vehicle Production Group designs, manufactures and markets automobiles that are built to accommodate people with disabilities and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This loan will enable them to produce a compressed natural gas vehicle that will both accommodate this currently underserved population and promote energy efficiency.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies, like the Vehicle Production Group, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country.

I know Vehicle Production Group, LLC is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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January 28,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to express my strong support for the EcoMotors International application for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program.

As you know, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program was authorized under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 in order to encourage the manufacture of advanced technology vehicles and components that will lead to meaningful improvements in fuel economy performance. The EcoMotors proposal seeks funding to perform engineering integration, validation, and testing of an opposed-piston-opposedcylinder (OPOC) engine it has developed. The OPOC engine is significantly simpler, smaller, lighter, and more fuel-efficient than comparable conventional gasoline-poweredengines, and will provide fuel economy savings in excess of 50%.

Michigan's Departments of Management & Budget and Transportation are working closely with EcoMotors to deploy the OPOC engine in a portion of the state vehicle fleets. This partnership will help EcoMotors establish a customer base as well as demonstrating the state's active commitment to expanding its high technology manufacturing base.

The proposal submitted by EcoMotors International will not only lead to the production of fuel efficient vehicle technologies as envisioned by Congress when it created the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program, it will also create much needed jobs in the State of Michigan at a time when they are badly needed. I urge you to give this application every consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary C. Peters
Member of Congress

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January 28,2009

Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
Attention: Brent Peterson, 202-586-8146
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Peterson:

It is my pleasure to write in support of an application by Tenneco, Inc. in Paragould, AR, for funding from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Loan Program. Tenneco is requesting $33 million to retool their manufacturing facilities and engineering associated with the production of components to meet the environmental and fuel efficiency objectives in nine platforms.

Tenneco is the nation's largest supplier of exhaust and emission control systems. It has pioneered a number of emission control innovations since 1975 including catalytic converters, diesel particulate filters, and components that reduce nitrogen oxide emissions, hydrocarbons, particulate matter and ozone smog.

I urge your favorable consideration of Tenneco, Inc.'s application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Blanche L. Lincoln

BLL: cgp

cc: Mr. Earl Hamlett, Tenneco Plant Manager

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January 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue Sw
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Chu:

Congratulations on being confirmed Secretary of Energy. I look forward to working with you on the difficult issues facing our great country.

I write today to bring to your attention the importance of continuing to fund the Department of Energy (DOE) Section 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMIP). This program was established under H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which was signed into law on December 19, 2007. Recently, Congress appropriated $7.5 billion to support a maximum of $25 billion in loans under the ATVMIP.

As of December 31, 2008, the ATVMIP program has received 75 applications, all of which will be considered as part of the first tranche. Of the applications received, 23 are considered substantially complete. Determination of substantially complete is the first step of a four step review and evaluation process. These 23 applicants are now being evaluated on whether or not the applications meet the financial eligibility requirements, as well as the technical eligibility requirements laid out in the Interim Final Rule (73 Fed. Reg. 66721-37, November 12, 2008).

Like President Obama, I believe that the United States needs to have one million plug-in hybrid electric vehicles on American roads by 2015. As you know, the ATVMIP program has the potential to meet these objectives, as well as help our nation continue to move away from its dependence on foreign oil. I ask that you and your Department support this program by ensuring that the money appropriated will remain, in an effort to move America forward with new modern vehicle efficiency.

In advance, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean

Jean Schmidt
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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January 30,2009

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee application (DE-FOA-0000005)

Dear Mr. Isakowitz,

I urge your full and fair consideration of an application submitted by AVA Solar for a U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. If approved, the loan guarantee will accelerate the expansion of AVA's solar photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing capacity to nearly 3 million panels per year.

AVA Solar's manufacturing plant for next-generation thin-film PV modules located in Longmont, Colorado, is important to the State of Colorado and our nation as a whole. When AVA commences production this spring, it will be the world's low-cost producer of thin-film PV panels and will help restore the erosion of U.S. competitiveness in this vital technology market. The plant will also create hundreds of jobs.

Manufacturing competitiveness in clean energy technologies and increased energy from renewable sources are of the utmost importance to economic recovery in Colorado, and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program is vital to that effort. Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

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February 3,2009

Lachlan W. Seward, Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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To Whom It ~~May~~ Concern:

I am writing in support of Tenneco Inc.'s application under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program. Funding from this program will enable Tenneco to significantly increase its research and production of exhaust and emissions control systems that will have a lower impact on the environment.

This loan will allow Tenneco the opportunity to develop the technology needed to meet more stringent environmental and fuel efficiency requirements. Some projects that the funding will be used for are the development of catalytic converters for various American vehicles like the Chrysler Dodge Ram Light Duty Hybrid Electric Vehicle, and even for the provision of light-off catalytic converters for thermal management, integrated underbody converters, silencers, and connecting pipes for the Ford Flex, Taurus, and Lincoln MKS and MKT.

This loan program will help spur innovation and build upon recent technology. This program will also create more jobs for Americans, which is especially important during these hard economic times. The creation of full emission and exhaust systems that meet 2010 environmental standards while maximizing fuel efficiency in various American cars is a movement towards environmental sustainability and a reduction of dependency on foreign oil.

Again, I would like to express my support for Tenneco Inc.'s application. If you require additional information, please contact my Chicago Director, Clarisol Duque, at (312) 353-4952.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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UNITED STATES SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN
California

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, February 3, 2009

Senators Feinstein and Snowe Urge Energy Department to Set Timeline for Dispersal of Funds from $25 Billion Loan Program for Auto Industry, Ensure that the Funds are Used to Build a More Fuel Efficient Fleet of Vehicles

Washington, DC – U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) today urged the new head of the Department of Energy, Dr. Steven Chu, to set a timeline for the dispersal of funds from the $25 billion loan program for the struggling automobile industry – called the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, which was established in Section 136 of the 2007 comprehensive energy and fuel economy law.

Senators Feinstein and Snowe also urged Dr. Chu to ensure that these auto loan funds are used to pay for the construction of new cars, trucks and SUVs that are 25 percent more efficient than the CAFE (or corporate average fuel economy) standard for that vehicle in the year the retooled auto manufacturing factory reopens. The current interim ruling, issued by the Department of Energy last year, defined the "base year" of this program as 2005, instead of the year a retooled factory reopens. This is significant because using the 2005 baseline fails to incorporate the significant fuel economy increase from the Feinstein and Snowe "Ten-in-Ten Fuel Economy" Act.

Senators Feinstein and Snowe were the lead authors of the "Ten-in-Ten Fuel Economy" Act, which was enacted by Congress in December 2007 as part of the comprehensive energy package. The law requires an increase in average fuel economy standards for America's fleet of vehicles by at least 10 miles per gallon over 10 years, and permits even higher standards if feasible. This was the largest increase in fuel efficiency in more than two decades.

Pasted below is the text of the letter sent by Senators Feinstein and Snowe to Dr. Chu:

February 2, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Chu:

Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of Energy. We look forward to working with you to address our daunting energy challenges in the coming months and years.

We are writing to encourage the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish an aggressive timeline for revising regulations and issuing loans under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, established in Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. According to press reports, DOE currently lacks any timeline for distributing loans under this program.

We view the Section 136 loan program as an opportunity to financially advantage a shift in automobile companies' business models towards advanced technology hybrid, electric and other high efficiency vehicles.

Many of the applicants for the first tranche of loans plan to make significant capital investments that they would otherwise be unable to afford. Providing these firms with a precise timeline would allow them to plan their business operations during a time of extraordinary financial challenge.

As the authors of the Ten-in-Ten Fuel Economy Act, which increases Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards at least 40 percent over ten years, we are also concerned that the current interim final rule would allow loans that fail to produce improvements in fuel economy beyond what CAFE regulation will require. As we indicated in our November 14, 2008, letter to Secretary Bodman, attached, we are concerned that DOE's interim final rule erroneously defined the "base year" of this program as 2005, instead of the year a retooled factory reopens. DOE's error could allow automakers to receive subsidized loans for mere compliance with CAFE regulations, which would violate Congress's intent and squander government resources. We encourage you to quickly address this mistake.

Section 136 has the potential to help the American automotive industry establish itself as the world's leading producer of fuel efficient, cost effective, advanced technology vehicles. We trust you share our commitment to assuring that Federal resources are deployed as quickly as possible and targeted toward the production of vehicles that are more efficient than minimum standards will soon require.

We look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

Olympia J. Snowe
United States Senator

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House of Representatives
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February 3, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to indicate my support and encouragement with regard to an application for a direct loan through the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP) submitted by Bright Automotive™ of Anderson, Indiana.

Bright Automotive is an Indiana-based firm developing a *100* mile per *gallon (MPG), purpose-built, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.* It is my understanding the company's goal is to reinvigorate America's transportation sector through innovative, high volume vehicle solutions based on economics, fuel efficiency, superior design and lightweight materials. Their technology and application represent enormous opportunities to improve fuel efficiency while reducing greenhouse emissions.

Bright Automotive significantly leverages the sustainable automotive heritage of Indiana (e.g. GM's EV1) and is creating a new energy saving vehicle based on radical reduction in oil consumption and a major reduction in emissions. Their vehicle is precisely the technology Congress intended to support when authorizing the direct loan program. The utilization of their vehicle to replace the inefficient vehicles currently in service today will make significant improvements in fuel consumption while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Bright's efforts in this field represent the ingenuity and deliverable results that will dramatically improve America's automotive fleet fuel efficiency and lessen dependence on foreign oil. Their continued development will also generate up to 2,000 jobs directly and with key suppliers,

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully urge the Department of Energy to give Bright Automotive every appropriate consideration when reviewing their application for loan funding through the ATVMIP program.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence
Member of Congress
Sixth District, Indiana

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February 4, 2009

Lachlan W. Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Steward:

I am writing in regard to Tenneco Inc.'s application under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program.

Tenneco Inc. has pioneered a number of emission control equipment, beginning with catalytic converters in 1975. More recently they have developed diesel particulate filters and components that reduce nitrogen oxide emission.

Tenneco Inc. would like to continue in their development of innovations which create greater vehicle fuel efficiency while complying with stringent emission control standards.

Your full and fair consideration of Tenneco Inc.'s application under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senator

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February 5,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu, Ph.D.
Secretary
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to ask for your utmost consideration of the application submitted by Coskata, Inc. to the US Department of Energy for the Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

Coskata has informed me of its plan to establish a commercial scale cellulosic ethanol plant in the State of Alabama. This project would assist our nation in advancing our energy security and reducing greenhouse gases. I understand that the Coskata facility would be one of the largest cellulosic biofuel plants in the country and would provide as many as 750 jobs through the region of its proposed rural site.

I believe that it is in the best interest of our country to decrease our dependency on foreign energy sources by developing and enhancing new, cleaner renewable energy. Cellulosic energy will make our country more self-sufficient, economically viable and will reduce environmental pollutants that threaten our natural resources. Therefore, I urge your full consideration of this loan guarantee application.

If you have any questions regarding Coskata, Inc., please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jeff Sessions
United States Senator

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February 5, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that Tenneco, Inc., with engineering centers in Monroe and Grass Lake and manufacturing facilities in Litchfield and Marshall, Michigan, is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Tenneco is one of the country's largest suppliers of exhaust and emission control systems. These funds would be applied to partially cover the costs for the retooling of manufacturing facilities and engineering associated with the production of cotnponents that will meet the environmental and fuel efficiency objectives of advanced technology vehicles.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy, We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country,

I know Tenneco is very committed to producing components that are essential for the manufacturing of advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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February 6,2009

Lachlan W. Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Mr. Seward:

As Congressman from Indiana's 2nd District, I am interested in improvements to the quality of life in our communities. The aspiration of Tenneco Inc. to develop additional innovations for fuel efficiency and compliance with emission control standards is commensurate with my goal of a safe and healthy life for all Hoosiers.

Tenneco has pioneered emission control equipment from catalytic converters in 1975 to the development of diesel particulate filters and vehicle systems that reduce harmful hydrocarbons, particulate and ozone smog. Their long history of concern for our environment and research into ways to improve it lead me to support their application to your department.

I respectfully request that you grant every consideration consistent with U.S. law and public policy to Tenneco Inc. I would appreciate being informed when a decision about the application is announced. The District Office is located at 207 West Colfax, South Bend, IN 46601. The phone number is 574.288.2780 or you can email information and questions to elizabeth.barrett@.mail.house.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely

Joe Donnelly

Congressman Joe Donnelly

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Washington, DC 20510

February 13, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

We write to you today regarding Verenium Corporation's request for a loan guarantee for its Highlands Ethanol project in Highlands County, Florida.

This facility would be one of the first commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol facilities in the world. The Highlands Ethanol project, which could potentially produce 36 million gallons of ethanol per year, would be well-located from the standpoint of market demand. Florida, the nation's third-largest consumer of gasoline, requires that all gasoline sold in Florida contain at least 10 percent ethanol by 2010. A local commercial-scale ethanol facility would help South Florida meet its needs from in-state production.

The Highlands Ethanol project has support from the State of Florida in the form of $15 million in grants, tax incentives and rebates, including a $7 million grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Fuel program. Verenium estimates that plant construction would create 500 jobs, and facility operation would create 140 permanent jobs.

Thank you for considering Verenium's loan guarantee request. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson
U.S. Senator

Mel Martinez
U.S. Senator

Tom Rooney
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States

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February 13, 2009

Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

We are writing to express our strong support for Bloom Energy's application to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program to support the deployment and commercialization of its solid oxide fuel cell technology.

As you know, Congress passed Title XVII of the *Energy Policy Act of 2005* authorizing the Secretary of Energy to make loan guarantees for projects that "avoid, reduce or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases; and employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued." Many of us have visited Bloom Energy and witnessed firsthand the enormous potential of its technology. We believe it should have federal support and that the DOE Loan Guarantee Program should promote the commercialization of this distributed generation solution.

While large-scale centralized utility projects such as solar and wind farms are important to our nation's energy future, the DOE should also support innovative projects that deploy and accelerate the widespread commercialization of fuel cells for distributed generation. Distributed generation allows power to be generated on site, where it is used, increasing energy security and decreasing strain on the grid.

Distributed generation should play a critical role in our nation's energy future and the Loan Guarantee Program will boast the efforts of clean distributed generation achieve its promise of quick deployment. Bloom Energy's solid oxide fuel cells promise a clean and reliable form of distributed generation and commercialization and we strongly support their application to the DOE Loan Guarantee Program.

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Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions or would like additional info, please do not hesitate to call Congresswoman Eshoo's staff, Casey Fromson at (202) 225-8104.

Sincerely,

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February 17,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward, Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am pleased to write to you on behalf of Tenneco, Inc., a Michigan-based supplier of exhaust and emission control systems. It is my understanding that Tenneco submitted an application for the amount of $33 million to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP).

Tenneco proposes to use this funding to retool manufacturing facilities and develop engineering technologies associated with the production of components that will meet the environmental and fuel efficiency objectives of advanced technology vehicles on nine automotive platforms. Tenneco tells me that its experience and technology expertise in this area will assist automotive manufacturers meet federal emission regulations.

Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to the production of advanced technology vehicles. With its wealth of manufacturing infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to help lead the way in the development of our nation's clean energy manufacturing sector. The new jobs that could be created during this transition will be critical to our nation's economy.

I hope you will give Tenneco's application due consideration as you work to distribute the ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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February 18,2009

Ms. Lisa Epifani
Assistant Secretary for Congressional
And Intergovernmental Affairs
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Forrestal Building, room 7B138
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585.

Dear Ms. Epifani:

I am writing to you regarding the application submitted to the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVM) by Concord International, an automotive supplier in Michigan.

I urge full and fair consideration of this loan application. I would appreciate your letting me know the time line, status and final decision regarding this loan program. Please direct the information to my Warren office at the address and the telephone number listed below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: DE-FOA-0000005

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to offer my strong support for Solaicx in its loan application to the U.S. Department of Energy. The solar photovoltaic manufacturing company plans to build a new facility in Southwest Washington in 2010, creating new jobs in the renewable energy and energy-efficiency industries.

Solaicx is applying for the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee program that provides federal loan guarantees for projects that employ innovative energy efficiency, renewable energy, and advanced transmission and distribution technologies. Once built, the facility will utilize a breakthrough manufacturing process for producing crystalline silicon photovoltaics used for solar energy production. Solaicx executives estimate the manufacturing plant will generate 380-400 family wage jobs in Washington's Third Congressional District.

Solaicx stands ready to invest heavily in our community as a major employer and an industry leader. I strongly support their efforts to expand production in Southwest Washington. I respectfully ask you give their application full consideration and I thank you for the work you do in providing opportunities for worthwhile projects such as this.

Sincerely,

Brian Baird
Member of Congress

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February 20,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bright Automotive's application for a direct loan through the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program.

Bright Automotive is an Indiana-based firm whose team of executives helped pioneer the development of hybrid and electric drive vehicles for major automakers for over 15 years. The company is currently developing a 100 mile per gallon, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, which is precisely the type of technology Congress intended to support when authorizing the direct loan program.

Bright Automotive's continued development holds the promise of being able to stimulate much needed job creation and reinvigorate our nation's transportation sector by manufacturing innovative vehicles with exceptional fuel efficiency.

Given Indiana's long history of automotive innovation from pioneering the development of the modem electric power train to developing hybrid components, Hoosier companies havc continually demonstrated that they have both the expcrience and expertise necdcd to successfully engineer and manufacture the next generation of advanced vehicles. Bright Automotive's current efforts arc helping to carry on this tradition.

I strongly support Bright Automotive's application and request that it receivc your fullest attention.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary
Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

As you know, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 contained a provision for up to $10 billion in low interest, federal loan guarantees for the development of renewable energy and energy efficient products.

SulphCo, Inc., a small business whose corporate headquarters is located in my congressional district, is applying for a loan guarantee under this program and has requested a waiver of the $20,000 application fee. SulphCo reasons that the fee represents a financial hardship.

If you find that SulphCo meets your criteria for an application fee waiver, please give their request full and fair consideration. Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

John Culberson

John Culberson
Member of Congress

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February 23, 2009

Lachlan W. Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Seward:

I am writing to express my support for a loan from the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program for Tenneco Inc., based within my district in San Antonio, Texas, so that the company will be able to continue to develop technological innovations for greater vehicle fuel efficiency.

Tenneco is the country's largest supplier of exhaust and emission control systems. The company has pioneered a number of emission control equipment, beginning with catalytic converters in 1975 and more recently include the development of diesel particulate filters; components that reduce nitrogen oxide emissions; and the integration of vehicle systems that reduce harmful hydrocarbons, particulate matter and ozone smog.

Tenneco will continue to play an instrumental role in ensuring that new and recent vehicle emission requirements are met by manufacturing these relevant after-treatment and exhaust components. These parts will reduce the release of harmful pollutants, such as hydrocarbons, particulate matter and nitrogen oxide. Because some after-treatment devices may have a negative impact on engine performance and fuel efficiency, Tenneco custom engineers these products that address the conflict between emission control and fuel efficiency. Tenneco's development processes combine different components in systems for both gasoline and diesel engines that consistently provide required emission control while meeting vehicle manufacturers' engine performance as well as the efficiency targets that support fuel economy.

Tenneco has requested $33 million in loan funding to partially cover the costs for the engineering and retooling of manufacturing facilities. In addition to environmental benefits, these technological developments will help provide employment for engineers and production workers in the United States.

I support this Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program loan for Tenneco Inc. A Department of Energy loan for this company will be a great investment in the country's move toward greater fuel efficiency and cleaner emissions. Your assistance in providing this funding to Tenneco Inc. and the community of San Antonio would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ciro D. Rodriguez
Member of Congress

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February 23,2009

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee application (DE-FOA-0000005)

Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

I urge your full and fair consideration of an application submitted by Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. for a U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. If approved, the loan guarantee will assist Ascent Solar in opening a facility capable of annually manufacturing enough thin-film PV material to produce 60MW of electricity.

Ascent Solar's manufacturing plant is important to the State of Colorado and our nation as a whole. In January 2009, the company received the "Governor's Excellence in Energy Award" for their progress and innovation in advancing solar technologies in Colorado. By developing thin-film PV cells that can be manufactured on low-cost, flexible plastic substrates, Ascent's technologies will continue to help grow the "New Energy Economy" and increase U.S. competitiveness in this vital technology market.

Manufacturing competitiveness in clean energy technologies and increased energy from renewable sources are of the utmost importance to economic recovery in Colorado, and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program is vital to that effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

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February 24, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of Bloom Energy's application to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program (DE-FOA-0000005) to support the deployment and commercialization of their solid oxide fuel cell technology.

While much focus has been given to large-scale centralized utility projects, such as solar and wind farms, projects that deploy distributed generation fuel cells can also provide a significant step towards reaching our renewable energy goals. Distributed generation allows power to be generated on site, where it is used, increasing energy security and decreasing strain on the grid. And, in most cases this on-site energy is much greener than the power that is commercially available. Distributed generation will play a critical role in the nation's energy future and the Loan Guarantee Program can help facilitate its quick deployment into the commercial market. Bloom Energy's solid oxide fuel cells promise a clean, reliable form of distributed generation and I urge your full consideration of their application.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If you have any questions or need additional, information, please feel free to contact Devin Rhinerson of my Washington, D.C., staff at (202) 224-3841.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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February 25, 2009

Mr. Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Chu:

I write to offer my strong support for the application you have received from Corporate E Solutions, Inc. Submitted for consideration under the Department of Energy's (DOE) Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee program. As you may know, Corporate E Solutions, Inc. is seeking to construct a solar panel production facility in Fulton, NY which falls within my 23rd Congressional District.

Upstate New York has long been plagued by unemployment. I have worked hard to promote positive economic development in areas both in and around my congressional district. Facing today's especially significant economic challenges, the estimated $5-6 billion impact that Corporate E Solutions, Inc. would bring to Central New York is vitally important to New Yorkers as they shoulder the weight of a distressed New York State economy.

Secretary Chu, providing the DOE Loan Guarantee would not only grant a much needed lifeline to the people of Central New York, but it would give New York an opportunity to help lead the way in our nation's effort to develop cleaner and more reliable energy solutions. Therefore, I urge your careful consideration andapproval of this very crucial request on behalf of Corporate E Solutions, Inc. and the constituents of my Upstate New York 23rd Congressional District.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. McHugh
Member of Congress

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February 26,2009

US Department of Energy
Loan Guarantee Application
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to write a letter of support on behalf of a grant application being electronically submitted by RSI Silicon Products, LLC, of 3700 Glover Road (Palmer Township) in Easton, PA. This grant would provide DOE funding to support the manufacturing of silicon in my District for the burgeoning national solar industry.

The project, a $350 million Developmental Stage Enterprise investment, offers critical potential for the local economy and for renewable energy efforts overall. RSI has predicted a workforce of up to 500 people will be needed to complete this project – creating valuable jobs throughout the United States at a time when so many Americans face the risk of corporate downsizing. RSI is seeking a DOE guarantee for loans associated with this project and is currently working with multiple funding sources whose commitment is dependent on a secure DOE loan guarantee.

I appreciate your review of this application and ask fair consideration for this worthy project. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. DENT
Member of Congress
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cc: Jeffrey Green, RSI Silicon Products

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February 26,2009

Mr. Lacklan W. Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to bring to your attention an application for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program grant submitted by Tenneco Automotive of Cozad, Nebraska.

If I can be of any assistance as you review this application, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Bonna Wanek of my Grand Island office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

ADRIAN SMITH
Member of Congress

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February 27, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express my belief that in creating the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program, Congress intended it to include distributed generation projects. Accordingly, I hope and expect that the Department will give due consideration to applications from firms engaged in developing such projects.

As you know, Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 has as its purpose support for projects that "avoid, reduce or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases; and employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued."

While large-scale centralized utility projects, such as solar and wind farms, are important to our nation's energy future, I believe there are also significant opportunities to achieve efficiencies and related benefits to the grid through innovative financing for projects that deploy and accelerate the widespread commercialization of distributed generation technologies. Distributed generation will likely play a critical role in the nation's energy future and I hope you will not limit the scope of the loan guarantee program to foreclose its potential for widespread deployment.

Thank you for you efforts to reform the operations of this vital program.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

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March 3,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward, Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
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1000 Independence.Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I write in support of Tenneco Inc.'s application under the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Incentive Program, which was authorized by Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Tenneco, Inc. is a domestic supplier of exhaust and emission control systems with manufacturing facilities in Kettering, Milan and Napoleon, Ohio. It is my understanding that Tenneco proposes to apply the funding to partially cover the costs for retooling manufacturing facilities and developing engineering technologies associated with the production of components that will meet the environmental and fuel efficiency objectives of advanced technology vehicles. The company sees creation of full emission and exhaust systems that meet environmental standards while maximizing'fuel efficiency is a movement towards environmental sustainability and a reduction of dependency on foreign oil.

With this loan program, DOE is poised to help in the transition of our transportation fleet into a new era that will help break our nation's dependence on foreign sources of oil. In the process the program will help stimulate innovation and build upon recent technology. In addition, new jobs will be created that will be critical to our nation's economy, and consumers will realize cost savings through new efficiencies in fueling and operation.

I respectfully ask that you please give all due consideration to Tenneco's application. If there are any questions, please contact my Legislative Assistant, Steve Kittredge at (202) 224-3353.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich

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March 3,2009

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO;

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The attached communication was forwarded *to* Senator Hutchison by [redacted] who is concerned about a matter that falls within your agency's jurisdiction. I would appreciation it if appropriate inquiries could be initiated on this individual's behalf, and if a full response could be prepared for me to report to the constituent.

It would be very helpful if the attached were to accompany your response. In the event you require more information please do not hesitate to contact me in Houston at (713) 209-3456 or by fax at (713) 209-3459.

Thank you for your courtesy

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The Honorable Steven Chu, Ph.D.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: DE-FOA-0000005

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to support Coskata's application for a Department of Energy loan guarantee.

Coskata announced it will bring its first commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol plant to Alabama in early 2012. This 55 million gallon cellulosic facility would be the first of many facilities that we hope Coskata will bring to the great state of Alabama to help the U.S. produce billion gallons of biofuels from cellulosic and advanced biofuel sources. This funding would help Coskata bridge the financing gap to allow them to bring "Project Flagship" to the Crossroads of America site in Boligee, Alabama. In addition to the energy benefits of this project, locating this facility in an under-served portion of the state will spur economic growth in a much needed area. Once completed, this facility will be one of the largest cellulosic biofuel projects in the United States. It will provide as many as 750 direct and indirect jobs to the region, and stimulate the rural economy.

As the Department of Energy's selection committee reviews this application, I ask for your due consideration, consistent with all rules and applicable regulations.

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

Richard Shelby

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March 4, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of the Department of Energy. As a Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, I look forward to working with you on various issues, but for now, I am particularly interested in the loan application for electric vehicles known as ZAP cars and their manufacturing agreement with Integrity Automotive, a Kentucky Company.

As you may know, I sent the Department a letter on this issue in December and I am pleased that Mr. Owen Barwell replied on February 23rd. Since the arrival of this letter in my office, it is my understanding that ZAP and Integrity executives met with members of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive program to resolve the issues that were described in the letter to me. At the meeting, ZAP/Integrity received the impression that DOE considered their application now to be "substantially complete." However, they were asked to send DOE a line by line breakdown on the costs of their small platform and large platform vehicles, so that DOE could better understand the costs for each of the four-wheeled vehicles that they will be producing. This breakdown was sent Monday, March 2nd, and DOE confirmed that the information was received.

It is my understanding that ZAP/Integrity has done everything in their ability to provide the information that has been requested of them. My understanding is that there is some $38 billion in applications currently pending before the Department, for a $25 billion program. Obviously, there will not be enough funds to meet all requests. I want to strongly stress the importance of this loan application for ZAP/Integrity in the first "tranche" of loans. This is vitally important to getting this facility online and getting people employed as quickly as possible. ZAP/Integrity is looking to build their operation in Simpson County in my Congressional District and Simpson County is probably being hurt the worst across the State of Kentucky due to the economic downturn. In fact, seven businesses have laid off workers in the county over the past two weeks resulting in hundreds of lost jobs. This may not mean much nationally, but for this region, it has literally crippled the local economy. Should this loan be approved, the economic impact of this plant would exceed $75 million annually and create over 8,600 jobs, not to mention the economic spinoff that may occur as a result of this plant. This plant is not just some minor help for the region, but rather a major necessity for the region, the State and the nation's economy as a whole.

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Based on my understanding of the DOE program, this particular application seems to be right on the mark in terms of the program's intent. It is so important that DOE act promptly and favorably. I am deeply concerned that if this loan isn't approved we will lose an enormous opportunity to create new jobs quickly and generate significant economic activity. I thank you for your prompt and personal attention to this matter, and I would be happy to speak with you directly about this application, should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress

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March 12,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles
Manufacturing Incentive Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing on behalf of EcoMotors, an advanced automotive technology company located in Michigan. EcoMotors has recently submitted an application with the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP).

It is my understanding that EcoMotors has developed an opposed-piston-opposed cylinder (OPOC) engine that may provide fuel economy savings in excess of 50 percent relative to conventional engines. EcoMotors is seeking funding through the ATVMLP to perform engineering integration, validation and testing of the OPOC engine in specific vehicle applications. This project will assist in addressing a number of our nation's priorities including reducing the emission of greenhouse gases, reducing dependency on foreign oil, and generating the advanced technology manufacturing jobs that will drive future economic growth.

Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to the production of advanced technology vehicles. With its wealth of manufacturing infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to help lead the way in the development of our nation's clean energy manufacturing sector. The new jobs that could be created during this transition will be critical to our nation's economy.

1 hope you will give EcoMotors due consideration as you work to distribute the ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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Lachlan W. Seward, Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to encourage your consideration of the "Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program" application submitted by Tenneco Inc.

Tenneco Inc. is the nation's largest supplier of exhaust and emission control systems. The requested funds would help facilitate the development of advanced technologies aimed at reducing air pollution and increasing fuel efficiency by allowing Tenneco Inc. to upgrade their manufacturing facilities. Tenneco Inc. has long been a leading innovator in the development of clean, fuel-efficient technology.

For these reasons, I urge your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fortenberry
Member of Congress

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Ms. Lisa Epifani
Assistant Secretary for Congressional
and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Ms. Epifani:

I am writing to you on behalf of Pittsburgh Glass Works. It is my understanding that Pittsburgh Glass Works has submitted an application to the Department of Energy for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Loan Program grant. Funding from this grant would allow Pittsburgh Glass Works to produce a glass to reduce the heat load in a vehicle.

I am advised that, among other services, Pittsburgh Glass Works supplies automotive OEM windshields, rear and side windows, sunroofs and assemblies for auto and truck manufacturers. I am told that Pittsburgh Glass Works would use the funding to design, install, and run the equipment necessary to produce an enhanced performing glass called Sungate EP. Furthermore, I have been made aware that Sungate EP would reduce the heat load in a vehicle, resulting in lower air conditioning load, less fuel consumption, and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

As it appears Pittsburgh Glass Works would use the finding to develop a new and beneficial technology, I urge you to give it your full and fair consideration for funding approval. Please direct your reply to my Director of Special Projects, **Anna** Platt, at 711 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 13, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Congratulations on your confirmation as our nation's 12th Secretary of Energy. You take charge of the Department at a critical time in our nation's history, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the continued modernization of our energy infrastructure.

We are writing to express our interest in your administration of the Title XVII loan guarantee program which Congress created in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58). We are aware that one company in particular, Secure Energy Inc., has applied for a loan guarantee for its proposed coal-gasification plant in Decatur, Illinois.

We have been briefed on the economic implications of this important project for Illinois. We have been told Secure Energy was approved for all necessary state and local permits and was set to begin construction until the recent crisis in the capital markets made private debt equity unavailable. We have full confidence in this project's ability to create sustainable economic growth and employment in the current economic crisis. It is shovel ready and will bring hundreds of direct well-paying, technical jobs as well as hundreds of ancillary jobs such as trucking, mining, and plant support to southern Illinois.

We request that you thoroughly examine Secure Energy's loan guarantee application. If you find the application meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval, it is our hope that a loan guarantee will be made available to Secure Energy in a reasonable time frame.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, we thank you for your leadership and service to the Department of Energy and our nation. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 16, 2009

Mr. David Frantz
Director, Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Frantz,

As Members of the Ohio Delegation, we write today requesting clarification on the Ohio River Clean Fuels, LLC (ORCF) application submitted by Baard Energy to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Fecieral Loan Guarantee program. We understand the Fossil Fuel Loan Guarantee Program is a long process and is influenced by many considerations, including litigation and third-party challenges.

From discussions with ORCF, it has come to our attention that there is reluctance on behalf of the DOE Loan Guarantee office to proceed with funding when States and other regulatory Agency's permits are appealed by third-party interveners. As you are aware, the Natural Resource Defense Council currently has several suits pending against the Ohio EPA for issuing permits to the ORCF project. To date, the Ohio EPA has a 95 percent success rate in defending these types of case and we are confident in both Ohio EPA's permitting process and the ORCF project.

While we appreciate the risk DOE takes by moving forward on projects under litigation, considering the prevalence of such lawsuits and the high rate of successful defense, we feel that halting or delaying the process is an unreasonable outcome. We urge you to find a resolution that will allow viable projects like Baard Energy's to move forward in way that does not subject them to being held hostage by the legal strategy of a third party.

The ORCF project is an important step towards the U.S. Department of Energy's goal of reducing America's dependence on foreign oil. Furthermore, the project represents a significant investment in the State of Ohio. Early estimates indicate that this project will pump approximately $20 million into the state's economy, and provide significant financial support to communities up-and-down the Ohio River; creating thousands of jobs including high-paying plant jobs, construction jobs, and additional mining jobs. Projects like this can not only lift up communities, but ensure the training of next-generation alternative fuel workforce that will pay dividends for decades to come.

The U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee is a critical step in moving forward on the development of this important project. We appreciate DOE's consideration and encourage you to contact our offices if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE WILSON
Member of Congress

TIM YAN
Member of Congress

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House of Representatives

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March 16, 2009

Secretary Steven Chu, Ph.D.
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Dr. Chu,

We write today regarding the Department's consideration of applications for its current round of grants and loan guarantees for projects under the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) program.

The state of Florida is well positioned for the development of cutting edge technology to produce advanced biofuels for several reasons. Florida is fifth in energy consumption per capita and third in total energy consumption. According to the University of Florida, our state leads the nation in biomass potential with 120 million tons produced per year, which is nearly ten percent of the nation's output. In addition, Florida regulations require that by 2010 ten percent of its fuel be blended with ethanol, which will ultimately create a market for 860 million gallons of biofuels.

One project of particular interest to us is the former Alico biorefinery project in Florida, which was selected for a Section 932 grant and Title XVII loan guarantee. Alico withdrew from the project in June of 2008 and its partner, New Planet Energy (NPE) has taken over the project with INEOS Bio.

NPE/INEOS Bio has informed us of its plan to submit updated applications for the Title XVII loan guarantee and Section 932 grant. We support their efforts to launch a commercial scale biorefinery in Florida.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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March 16, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that Great Lakes Carbon Fiber in Rochester, Michigan has submitted an application to the US Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program DE-FOA-0000005.

Great Lakes Carbon Fiber has licensed technology developed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory to manufacture low cost carbon fiber. They will use this loan to construct a plant in Southeast Michigan for the commercial manufacture of carbon fiber.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and wind turbines. I am pleased that Michigan companies, like Great Lakes Carbon Fiber, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to economic recovery for Michigan and our country.

I know Great Lakes Carbon Fiber is very committed to producing low cost carbon fiber in the United States. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

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March 16,2009

Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to support Tenneco's request for $33 Million from the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. According to Tenneco, which has a facility in Kettering, Ohio, they are the largest supplier of exhaust and emissions control systems in the United States. They have applied for these funds in order to cover a portion of the cost of retooling their manufacturing facilities.

Tenneco has been an innovator in automotive technology beginning with the catalytic converter in 1975. Retooling Tenneco's facilities is necessary in order to create new innovative technologies that will reduce emissions in automobiles. Additionally, according to Tenneco, these "green" technologies will be supplied to American automobile manufacturers such as Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors.

It is my hope that Tenneco will be successful in their request for these important funds. These funds will provide necessary financing that will have a direct and indirect impact for all of Tenneco in North America as well as our domestic auto industry. Please have your staff contact Joe Heaton (joseph.heaton@mail.house.gov) at 202-225-6465 if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress

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March 18, 2009

Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing you regarding Title 17, the Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program, in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and ask that to the maximum extent practicable, that you consider small businesses as a recipient for these loan guarantees.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I have long been concerned that the regulations issued for the Loan Guarantee Program have presented insurmountable bureaucratic obstacles for small businesses to take advantage of the program. Specifically, the lengthy, detailed, and costly application process has effectively excluded small businesses from considering the loan guarantee program and, as a result, the program may exclude a significant section of the economy's entrepreneurship and innovation. Accordingly, last year I introduced legislation with Senators Cantwell and Stevens, "*The Small Business Energy Innovation Act*," which would have developed a specific program within the Department of Energy to provide grants and loans to small businesses engaged in energy innovation.

Since the introduction of my legislation last fall, small businesses continue to have difficultly accessing capital to develop innovative energy projects. Consistent with that effort, during consideration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, I filed an amendment that would have compelled the Secretary of Energy to work with the Small Business Administrator to ensure "robust participation by small businesses" within the loan guarantee programs that were provided appropriations under the legislation. Although the amendment was not accepted, I believe you have the opportunity to ensure that small businesses are considered when allocating loans from the roughly $127 billion provided in loan guarantee authority. Accordingly, I request that you consider reducing the bureaucratic obstacles for small businesses to apply for loans and, to the maximum extent practicable, prioritize small businesses as recipients of these loans.

I look forward to working with you on the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as well as our nation's broader energy policy.

Sincerely,

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March 20, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for agreeing to meet with Rick Feldt, CEO of Evergreen Solar, this upcoming week. In addition to this meeting, we would appreciate your consideration of how Evergreen can apply for and gain access to financing for its future growth through the funds allocated to the Department of Energy in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Specifically, we view the Innovative Loan Guarantee Program in the ARRA as the perfect opportunity for Evergreen Solar to receive this much needed financing and we will hope your will give their application all due consideration.

Founded in 1994, U.S. owned Evergreen Solar employs 825 people and is Massachusetts' largest clean energy company and the second largest photovoltaic (PV) panel manufacturer in the United States. The company is one of the few fully integrated manufacturers and makes their own wafers, cells and panels. Using a proprietary String Ribbon technology, Evergreen "grows" wafers by pulling two high temperature strings through a crucible of molten (liquid) silicon. The silicon wets to the strings, freezes or hardens between them and is "grown" to a thickness of 190 microns. This unique technology enables Evergreen to use less than half the amount of silicon of their competitors because they do not need to slice the wafers from solid blocks of silicon.

Since 2007, Evergreen has raised approximately $250 million in two equity offerings and $375 million in convertible debt offering. The convertible offering was completed in July 2008 by Lehman Brothers, which has now gone under and caused Evergreen Solar significant problems in accessing outside debt capital without a loan guarantee.

The funds that Evergreen Solar raised last summer were used to complete its factory in Devens, Massachusetts. This 450,000 square foot facility cost approximately $400 million (net of $20 million of state grants) and will annually manufacture solar panels that can generate about 160 million watts of power (almost $500 million of annual revenue at current market prices).

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Evergreen, which has signed contracts to supply over 1 billion watts of solar panels through 2013, is seeking a loan guarantee of $50 million in order to bridge their cash requirements until they achieve profitability in the second half of this year. Even though the company is willing to use their $400 million facility, accounts receivable, and inventories as collateral, local banks are unwilling to offer a loan because Evergreen is not yet at profitability.

It is our strong belief that Evergreen Solar, one of the largest U.S. employers in the solar PV industry, is exactly the type of clean energy company that should be eligible for a loan guarantee provided in the ARRA, and we strongly support their efforts to obtain this financing.

With respect and appreciation, we thank your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

James McGovern
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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March 23, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
ATVM Loan Program
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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To Whom It May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to write in support for Electric Motors Corporation's application to the U.S. Department of Energy's ATVM loan.

Electric Motors Corporation is a green electric vehicles drive systems company that plans to further develop and deploy its electric drive systems throughout the United States. The Economic Development Council of Elkhart Country, Indiana is working with Electric Motors Corporation and Gulf Stream to manufacture the country's first mass produced electric drive, light-duty pick-up truck.

These two companies, along with a coalition of other companies, will produce, assemble, and sell 30,000 to 45,000 vehicles over 48 months, the majority of which will be performed in Indiana. This project will create up to 6,000 jobs and will bring future technology to the area. Given that Elkhart County has the highest unemployment rate in the entire nation, the City of Nappanee, Elkhart County, and other surrounding areas will directly benefit from the U.S. Department of Energy's funding to Electric Motors Corporation.

On behalf of the State of Indiana, I would greatly appreciate your careful and favorable consideration of this loan application. Electric Motor Corporation's use of this loan will greatly benefit the community of Elkhart, Indiana. By creating many new jobs, this project will help to improve the economy in an area of such high unemployment.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to express my support for EMC's loan application. Should you have additional questions, please contact my North Central Regional Director, Julie Vuckovich, at (574) 236-8302, 130 South Main Street, South Bend, Indiana, 46601 or by email: Julie_Vuckovich@bayh.senate.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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March 23, 2009

Dan Tobin
U.S. Department of Energy
Loan Guarantee Program Office
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Tobin :

I am writing in support of Idaho Sustainable Energy, LLC's application for a Department of Energy loan guarantee to build a biorefinery in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, application # DE-FOA-0000005. I understand that the loan guarantee approval will be based on a fiscal analysis of the application, the viability of the business model and the repayment potential of the applicant.

Idaho Sustainable Energy proposes to purchase and utilize three existing industrial buildings in Glenns Ferry to create the biorefinery. Glenns Ferry is a small rural community that has been devastated by plant closures and the resulting worker lay-offs. In the past year, the community health center reports the number of individuals served below 200% of poverty increased from 70% to 80%. The proposed biorefinery would create up to 130 new jobs in this distressed community.

The proposed project would also serve as a unique model combining biofuel and co-product development, with cogeneration and carbon sequestration. This project meets the objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in creating much needed jobs in a rural community and reducing dependence on foreign energy.

I support the development of a biorefinery in Glenns Ferry, Idaho and urge the Department of Energy to give the application all due consideration within the rules established for loan guarantees.

Sincerely,

Mike Crapo

Michael D. Crapo
United States Senator

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March 23, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Re: Application DE-FOA-0000005

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to express my support for Idaho Sustainable Energy, LLC (ISE) in their application to the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee program to develop an Advanced Bio-refinery Complex in Glenns Ferry, Idaho.

The City of Glenns Ferry, like many in Idaho, has been hit hard by plant closures and a difficult economy. This project will bring good paying jobs to the area along with innovative ideas to produce alternative fuels to meet energy demand.

Idaho has a deep history of building a diverse energy portfolio. Hydroelectric, wind, geothermal and the nations first city powered by nuclear energy make up Idaho's energy portfolio. Idaho has the innovative spirit to bring forth the next generation of energy solutions.

The support of the U.S. Department of Energy loan program is critical to furthering projects such as this Advanced Bio-refinery Complex. I appreciate your consideration of IES's application to your program.

Very Truly Yours,

James E. Risch
United States Senator

Cc: City of Glenns Ferry

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March 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We were pleased to learn that you and your staff at the Department of Energy are making implementation of the loan guarantee program a priority. These funds can help significantly increase our country's technology development and job creation in the energy arena.

We are writing to strongly urge the department to give serious consideration to a nuclear project in Ohio that meets the criteria established for that program. As you know, USEC, the only current domestic uranium enrichment operator, is developing the American Centrifuge Plant in Ohio. The American Centrifuge Plant uses DOE's advanced gas centrifuge technology to replace an existing enrichment technology that is over 50 years old. The new, advanced technology will use 95 percent less electricity, reducing the need for about 1000 MW of power, thereby cutting emissions of carbon dioxide by about 10 million tons annually. The plant not only represents an advanced nuclear technology, but it is also a more efficient end-use technology. The ACP is "shovel ready" and is immediately ready to begin employment of 6,000 workers needed for this critical project.

In addition, the details of this project are already well known by DOE through its ongoing review and oversight role of this classified technology and "first-of-a-kind" centrifuge project. This project also serves U.S. nonproliferation and energy security policy objectives by ensuring that the United States maintains a leadership role in the enrichment technology arena and establishes a domestic enrichment supply capability that can meet our country's nuclear energy generating and military needs.

As you know, the intent of the loan guarantee program is to foster the development of new, innovative technologies that reduce emissions and are used for the first time in the United States. Companies introducing these new technologies would, naturally, find it difficult to attract financial support in the commercial market. Thus, this program is designed to assist them. The American Centrifuge Plant application epitomizes these criteria.

In these challenging economic times, it is imperative that every step is taken to ensure that the loan guarantee program is a success in helping companies bring energy security

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to our nation. These loan guarantees must be directed to the most qualified candidates needing financial assistance. The American Centrifuge Project best meets the purpose of the program as established by Congress.

We will continue to support efforts by DOE to make the loan guarantee program a success and look forward to working with you in that regard.

Sincerely,

Jean Schmidt
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
ATVM Loan Program
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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RE: Electric Motors Corporation
U.S. Department of Energy ATVM Loan Program Applicant

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of Electric Motors' application for funding through the ATVM Loan Program.

Electric Motors Company (EMC) is moving forward with its electric motor technology by choosing to locate its assembly plant in my congressional district. My district is the number one manufacturing district in the United States, and moreover the county EMC has chosen to locate its assembly plant in is the number one manufacturing county in the country. My district, and Elkhart County in particular, have been hit especially hard by this current economic downturn, with Elkhart having the highest unemployment rate in the state of Indiana and the next two highest unemployment counties being in my district as well.

Electric Motors Company has chosen to partner with a well-respected company in my district for the retro-fitting of their electric motor into Ford F150 chassis. This new partnership will provide a desperately needed boost to our local economy. Not only will it put people back to work, but it will do so while producing a revolutionary, environmentally-friendly vehicle.

I ask you to give Electric Motor Company's request your most serious consideration. If I can be of any assistance to you as you make your decision, please do not hesitate to contact me or Brett Swearingen on my staff at (202) 225-4436.

Sincerely,

Mark Souder

Mark Souder
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 25, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of Energy. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you to strengthen our nation's energy policy.

As you know, Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 establishes an incentive program consisting of both grants and direct loans to support the development of advanced technology vehicles and associated components in the United States. The FY 2009 Continuing Resolution (CR) enacted on September 30, 2008, appropriated $7.5 billion to support a maximum of $25 billion in loans under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

California has been a leader in innovative transportation technology and companies based in California are some of the most creative in the world. One of those companies, Envia Systems, has applied for a loan under Section 136. Envia seeks to establish manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce systems for Electric Vehicles (EVs), Hybrid Electric Vehicles (HEVs), and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs).

I would request that the Department review this proposal. Thank you for your interest and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pete Stark
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 25,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

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In these challenging economic times, it is imperative that every step is taken to ensure that the loan guarantee program is a success in helping companies bring energy security to our nation. These loan guarantees must be directed to the most qualified candidates needing financial assistance. The American Centrifuge Project best meets the purpose of the program as established by Congress.

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We will continue to support efforts by DOE to make the loan guarantee program a success and look forward to working with you in that regard.

Sincerely,

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March 25, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing today in support of Redwood Renewables' application for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy's (DOE) "Renewables Solicitation" (DE-FOA-0000005). With this loan guarantee, Redwood Renewables would have the opportunity to begin manufacturing high efficiency solar roofing tiles in San Jose.

If this loan guarantee is approved by the DOE, Redwood Renewables plans to outfit its manufacturing site with 4 megawatts of solar power on the rooftop, offering the distinctive ability of powering a renewable energy manufacturing facility with renewable energy power. Redwood Renewables' preferred location for their manufacturing site is in my Congressional district, on Dobbin Drive in San Jose. This location would provide new green jobs to the economy, while supporting the growth of the domestic solar industry and contributing to the fight against global climate change.

I support the application submitted by Redwood Renewables under the Department's "Renewables Solicitation," and respectfully request that their application receive full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda

Mike Honda
Member of Congress

cc: Tom Faust
CEO, Redwood Renewables

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March 26, 2009

Secretary Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I appreciate your dedication to ensuring that DOE programs funded in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are implemented quickly and effectively. After several years of the DOE loan guarantee program failing to get off the ground, you were able to grant funding to the first program recipient in just one month after ARRA was signed into law. Your efforts in pursuit of President Obama's goals will make clean energy production a significant part of our economic recovery.

As you know, DOE was also granted additional authority in ARRA to fund conventional renewable energy technologies and transmission systems. Many businesses and constituents in my state of Montana are watching closely as new programs are developed. The expanded program under section 1705 will free up constrained capital so that conventional renewable energy systems and the transmission capacity required to deliver them to market continue to advance, even during this economic downturn.

Montana has a substantial renewable energy industry and several of our projects would be excellent beneficiaries of federal loan guarantees. I am writing to urge the rapid completion of agency rules that will allow access to funding for these projects. I also ask that the loan guarantee finance structures be flexible enough to truly act as a stimulus, while at the same time protecting taxpayers. In particular, I believe that special focus on clean energy transmission has added potential for even more job creation by encouraging development of projects that feed renewable energy into the system.

New renewable energy projects are often linked to transmission projects, resulting in increased project-on-project risk for both. For instance, in Montana several planned wind farms rely upon creation of new transmission infrastructure. Funding for transmission projects through loan guarantees will allow funding for wind farms to follow close behind.

One of the issues identified by project developers in Montana is the need for transactional efficiency in the rules governing the loan process. The process for consideration, approval and execution of guarantees needs to be prudent yet timely and allow guarantees to dovetail into the commercial banking world. To have the greatest influence on job creation and impact on our energy sector, attention needs to be paid toward the timeliness of the approval process. I

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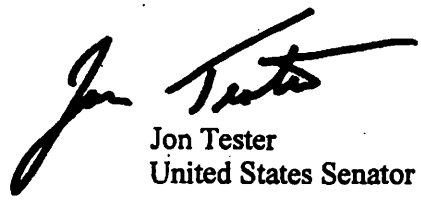
respectfully request that the process be streamlined in terms of paperwork and approvals, in the same way DOE has already done with other programs since your arrival.

Several companies operating in my state, including the Montana-Alberta Tie Line (MATL) have provided the Department of Energy with detailed proposals as to how to work with banks on developing the expanded loan guarantee program. I have reviewed these suggestions and ask that you give them full consideration. My staff and I are available to discuss this further at any time, and I will be happy to provide assistance in developing an appropriate process from a practical perspective.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator

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JOE DONNELLY
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March 31, 2009

Office of Chief Financial Officer
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ATVM Loan Program
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RE: Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program

I am writing today in support of an Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan application that was recently submitted by a consortium of companies including Electric Motors Corporation and Gulf Stream Coach Inc., which is located in Elkhart County, Indiana. The ATVM loan will allow Electric Motors Corporation and Gulf Stream Coach Inc. to develop and produce a second generation light-duty electric pick-up truck.

As a member of Congress representing a region with a proud history of producing automobile and recreational vehicles, I am acutely aware of the need to develop the next generation of vehicles that meet the needs of American consumers, while improving fuel economy, reducing emissions, and maintaining high levels of both performance and safety. The proposed EMC Light-Duty Pickup truck will utilize plug-in technology to increase fuel efficiency performance above 42 mpg. This technology has the potential to significantly improve fuel economy on a wide range of vehicles.

In addition, this project presents a much-needed opportunity for Elkhart County. While our region has a strong manufacturing base and is well suited to produce these vehicles, the recent economic downturn has resulted in significant unemployment—18.3 percent in Elkhart County. The consortium estimates that this project could produce as many as 400 jobs within the first year of production and as many as 6,000 jobs by 2012.

Once again, I would like to express my support for this loan application, and I respectfully request that you grant every consideration consistent with U.S. law and public policy to Electric Motors Corporation and Gulf Stream Coach Inc. In addition, I would also request that my office be contacted when a decision is made. Should you have any additional questions, please contact Andrew Lattanner at (202) 225-3915 or by email at andrew.lattanner@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly

Joe Donnelly
Member of Congress

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 31, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

The continuation of domestically owned and produced uranium enrichment is a vital component to our national security. Currently, the only domestically owned and operated uranium production in the United States is occurring at an aging, formerly government owned plant. That facility was constructed in the 1950's and is owned and operated by the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC).

USEC is currently building a new facility in Piketon, Ohio, site of another former Department of Energy (DOE) gaseous diffusion plant. This state-of-the-art uranium centrifuge enrichment facility has been under construction for almost two years. The company received a license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct and operate the new plant in April 2007 and commenced construction shortly thereafter.

The company applied for a loan guarantee from DOE during the summer of 2008 to complete construction, and is still waiting for the application to be processed. USEC provides enriched uranium to our military as well as to the domestic nuclear power industry. Without the new enrichment facility, our nation and our military could soon become reliant on foreign owned and operated companies for enriched uranium.

The USEC project would directly employ more than 3,000 people in one of Ohio's most economically depressed areas, and more than 3,000 people in eleven other states around the country through manufacturing and engineering contracts. USEC could start putting people to work today, should the Department awards it the loan guarantee. The site could start producing enriched uranium by 2010. USEC, which is domestically-owned, is the only applicant for the loan guarantee that can meet this time-frame.

The intent of Congress was to develop and grow domestic energy sources through the loan guarantee program. Without the expedited processing and subsequent award of the loan guarantee for the project, good paying jobs are at stake, our national security is at stake, and freedom from dependency on foreign sources of enriched uranium is at stake.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
United States Senator

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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April 1, 2009

Mr. David Frantz
Director
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Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing to you regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) Title XVII Loan Guarantee program for new or emerging technologies in the area of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In the most recent round of solicitations a company planning a facility in my state, Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc. (Fulcrum), has applied for a loan under the Title XVII program for the commercialization of a renewable energy facility – specifically renewable fuels. I am writing today to request your full and careful consideration of Fulcrum's loan guarantee application during this solicitation process.

Fulcrum has developed and plans to begin construction and operation of an environmentally responsible facility – the Sierra BioFuels Project (Project Sierra) – that will convert post-recycled municipal solid waste (MSW) into 100% cellulosic ethanol. Their process provides an important alternative fuel pathway to offset the nation's reliance on petroleum-based or food-based transportation fuels. By using post-recycled MSW as its feedstock, Fulcrum will not adversely impact land-use practices and will greatly reduce the volumes of trash landfilled each year. Project Sierra will create a reliable domestic source of renewable fuels from a non-agricultural feedstock, reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil, as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 60% compared to petroleum based fuels.

The loan guarantee application submitted to DOE by Fulcrum includes a detailed description of Project Sierra, a commercial scale project located east of Reno, NV. Should DOE award Project Sierra with a loan guarantee, Fulcrum is prepared to begin engineering and construction activities immediately following project financial close. Designed to produce 10.5 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol annually, Project Sierra will help stimulate the economy with nearly $120 million of investment and up to 500 new jobs for the Northern Nevada market.

I support the work described in Fulcrum's application for the Title XVII Loan Guarantee program and hope that you keep my recommendation in mind when making your funding decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

HARRY REID
United States Senator
Nevada

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April 2, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Secretary of Energy
100 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC, 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Preceding my term, the Virginia Delegation contacted your predecessor about the decision process to award the U.S. Department of Energy's $2 billion loan guarantee for "front end" nuclear facilities. I understand that you have sent a reply to Members from the Commonwealth. I am writing to reiterate the Virginia delegation's message to place my support behind a decision that must be completed in a fair, timely, and fiscally responsible manner. As private capital remains on hold until U.S. economic stability improves, this decision carries greater implications for domestic gas centrifuge enrichment capacity which will reduce the United States' reliance on foreign sources of uranium enrichment.

Along with Governor Kaine and the Virginia Congressional Delegation, I commend the Department's efforts for the loan guarantee program to proceed with minimal financial risk to the federal government. Virginia typically draws over thirty percent of its annual energy from nuclear sources and it is my hope that each year's ventures will only enhance the future of the loan guarantee program in order to advance projects that are critical to U.S. energy supply in the near and long term. I thank you for your efforts, and I ask that you keep me informed of important developments regarding your selection process.

Sincerely,

Mark R Warner

Mark R. Warner
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April 2,2009

Mr. David Frantz
Director, Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing on behalf of Great Lakes Carbon Fiber, Inc. (GLCF), which has recently submitted an application with the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program (DE-FOA-0000005).

It is my understanding that GLCF has licensed an innovative technology developed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory that significantly reduces the cost of manufacturing carbon fiber, GLCF believes this low cost carbon fiber can be used in several industrial applications, such as alternative energy, automotive, and aerospace compenents. According to GLCF, this loan will be used for the acquisition and retooling of an existing automotive manufacturing plant located in Shelby Township, Michigan.

Michigan companies like GLCF are uniquely positioned to develop and commercialize advanced manufacturing processes that will modernize our nation's manufacturing industry. With its wealth of industrial infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to lead the way in the development of our nation's advanced manufacturing sector. The new jobs and technologies that will be created through advanced manufacturing will be critical to our nation's economy.

I request that you give GLCF due consideration as you work to distribute funds from the Loan Guarantee Program in a fair and competitive manner,

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

Carl Levin

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April 3,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20525

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by Tenneco, Inc. to the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan (ATVM) Program.

With over 6,000 employees nationwide, including more than 500 in my state of Indiana, Tenneco is an important developer and manufacturer of emissions control equipment. Tenneco has a legacy of innovation, having played a role in the development of the first catalytic converters in the 1970s and, more recently, with the development of innovative diesel particulate filters and components that reduce nitrogen oxide emissions.

It is my understanding that Tenneco's application for $33 million in loans is currently under consideration for the first round of funding from the ATVM loan program. Should they be selected as a loan recipient, they will use the funds to help cover the costs of retooling manufacturing facilities and developing engineering technologies associated with the production of vehicle components that will meet the environmental and fuel efficiency objectives of advanced technology vehicles.

Given Indiana's long history of automotive innovation from pioneering the development of the modern electric power train to engineering an array of hybrid vehicle components that are produced for the U.S. market, Hoosier companies have continually demonstrated that they have both the experience and expertise to successfully engineer and manufacture advanced technology vehicle components.

Your consideration of Tenneco's application is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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April 6, 2009

David Frantz, Director
Loan Guarantee Program Office
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing to you regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) Title XVII Loan Guarantee program for renewable energy technologies authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. A company headquartered in my district, Fulcrum BioEnergy, has applied for a loan under the Title XVII program for the commercialization of a renewable fuel facility. I request your full and careful consideration of Fulcrum's loan guarantee application during this solicitation process.

As you know, Congress authorized DOE to fund loan guarantees to support cutting edge, environmentally friendly energy projects. Fulcrum proposes to construct and operate a facility that will convert post-recycled municipal solid waste into 100 percent cellulosic ethanol. Fulcrum's project intends to create a reliable domestic source of renewable fuels from a non-agricultural feedstock, and the company estimates that its project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 60 percent compared to petroleum based fuels.

I appreciate your thorough consideration of Fulcrum's application for the Title XVII Loan Guarantee program. Thank you for your attention to this letter, and please do not hesitate to contact myself of Andrew Horowitz of my staff at (202) 225-1947 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

The Members of the House of Representatives Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (S.E.E.C.) applaud your efforts at the Department of Energy in working to advance the United States towards a cleaner, more efficient energy future. We believe that a main component to creating American jobs and ending our addiction to foreign oil is to pursue alternative energy technologies to be used in the transportation sector. One of these ways is to deliver American consumers a domestically produced, affordable, clean-energy electric car. As you may know, S.E.E.C. worked to ensure that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 1) encouraged the development of hybrid and electric vehicles, by encouraging the investment of $25 billion in funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program.

We are concerned that the Department of Energy (DOE) has not apportioned Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loans, despite applications from dozens of companies over the last six months. We are hoping that DOE can provide us with an update on the status of these applications and how the Department's plans to release the funds in an expeditious manner.

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition looks forward to working with you and your staff on implementing policies intended to transform the U.S. auto industry and create and save thousands of American manufacturing jobs. And we believe that the funds provided in H.R. 1 for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan program are a great step in that direction. With increasing overseas competition seeking to advance economy-scale production of electric and hybrid-electric vehicles, the American automotive industry is in need of a transformation and the swift implementation of this program is of great national importance.

We commend you for your commitment towards energy independence and a more secure energy system, and look forward to working together as we move America forward on a path to a cleaner, more prosperous energy future.

Sincerely,

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition

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U.S. Department of Energy
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
Attention: Lachlan Seward
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to express my strong support for Electric Motor Company's funding request through the ATVM Loan Program.

Having personally met with the Electric Motor Company, I believe they are on the forefront of reliable and efficient clean-automobile-technology. There are a number of factors that set Electric Motor Company above their competition. First, their product is already fully developed. They do not have a theory that needs to be tested; they have a product that has been developed, tested and manufactured. Second, they have already signed an agreement with a well respected RV manufacturer in my district, Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., to retro-fit the electric engines into customized light duty truck bodies. Gulf Stream has been in business for 26 years and would be able to hit the ground running when it comes time to begin manufacturing. Lastly, Electric Motor Company, in conjunction with Gulf Stream, has the resources necessary to successfully implement their manufacturing and marketing strategy; yet they remain small enough to allow the flexibility that will be needed during this process.

It is also worth noting that, not only will Electric Motor Company be advancing the President's agenda by manufacturing cleaner, more efficient automobiles, but they will also be creating jobs in a community that is currently at 18% unemployment, the highest in the country. This project will create green jobs in a community that is full of hardworking people anxious to get back to work.

I am willing to support Electric Motor Company's application in whatever way possible; to that end, if my office can provide any information that would be beneficial to you during your review process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Cory Martin is my Regional Manager in my Goshen, IN office and he can be reached on his cell phone at 574-849-1494, anytime day or night, or by email at cory.martin@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your consideration of EMC's application.

Sincerely,

Mark Souder
Member of Congress.

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April 20,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support of the application that Abound Solar (formerly known as AVA Solar) submitted to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program. Abound Solar is a manufacturer of next-generation thin-film solar photovoltaic (PV) modules with a manufacturing facility in Longmont, CO, and this project is important to the State of Colorado, the nation, and the Department of Energy.

Abound Solar is a major success story resulting from federal support of clean energy technology innovation and commercialization. DOE and the National Science Foundation have provided technology research and development support to three of Abound's founding scientists at Colorado State University since the mid-1990s. When Abound Solar commences commercial production at its first manufacturing facility in spring 2009, it will be the world's low-cost producer of thin-film PV panels and will help restore the erosion of U.S. competitiveness in this vital technology market. Modules produced at this plant will be capable of supplying solar energy at costs competitive with conventional fossil fuels ("grid parity").

The loan guarantee will accelerate the expansion of Abound's manufacturing capacity, initially to 3 million modules per year. With capital markets frozen, loan guarantees are critical to the success of Abound Solar and other companies that will make the clean products and energy America needs.

Abound has everything in place to complete its plant, which will create hundreds of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of revenues from advanced solar-based electricity generation equipment. It will also help the United States achieve the important energy and air pollutant / greenhouse gas benefits envisioned by the Congress when it authorized the program.

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Abound's project will meet the key requirements for loan guarantee recipients in Section 1703(a) of the Energy Policy Act. I have learned in briefings by the company about these requirements and how Abound's project will meet them:

1. Eligible projects must "avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases": The facility's annual module output will eliminate 9,000,000 tons of CO_2 emissions and hundreds of thousands of tons of air pollutants over their lifetime compared with conventional power generation in the United States.
2. "The Secretary may make guarantees ... only for projects that ... employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued." Abound Solar's technology is both newly emerged from research and development and being used commercially for the first time.
3. "No guarantee shall be made unless the Secretary determines that there is reasonable prospect of repayment of the principal and interest on the obligation by the borrower." Again and based on my understanding of information provided by the company, this project has excellent commercial prospects and is highly likely to generate revenues and cash flows sufficient to repay the loan in its entirety.
4. The project will be built in the United States, as required by the statute.

Abound Solar is a showcase for the positive impact that progressive government policies and initiatives can have on the economy, national energy security, and the environment. PV modules manufactured by Abound will translate to cleaner energy supplies from domestic sources, economic strength, and U.S. leadership.

I and my colleagues from the Colorado congressional delegation are looking forward to the opportunity to work with you to make Abound's project successful and to an active dialog with you as you implement the program in the disciplined manner that is necessary to achieve maximal benefits to the nation and protect the taxpayer's interests. Improving our domestic manufacturing competitiveness in clean energy technologies and producing more energy from renewable sources is of the utmost importance, and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program is vital to that effort.

JAR POLIS
Member of Congress

cc:
Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Officer
David Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office
Dan Tobin, Loan Guarantee Program Office
John Mizroch, Acting Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

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April 21, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
US Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On February 11, 2009 you and Mr. Matt Rogers met with Senator Bingaman and me regarding the execution of the Department's Loan Guarantee Program. During this meeting you emphasized your commitment to prioritize the Loan Guarantee Program with the hope of issuing guarantees before this summer. Your sentiments were echoed by Mr. David Frantz during a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing held on February 12, 2009.

As you know from our discussion, I fully support your efforts to resolve the remaining issues that are preventing the issuance of loan guarantees. Many clean energy project developers view this program as essential to their ability to proceed. However, it is my understanding that two key issues relating to projects with multiple financing partners or creditors remain unresolved. Specifically, the pari passu and cross default issues arise from the Department's interpretation of provisions within Title XVII of the 2005 Energy Policy Act, which established the Loan Guarantee Program. These interpretations by the Department's Office of General Counsel require that the Department have superior rights to all other parties and that 100% of the project be used as collateral on the loan, even in cases where a guarantee is sought for only a portion of the project financing.

In the current financial environment, projects with multiple owners and creditors may well be the norm rather than the exception. The Department of Energy's current interpretation of the law may negatively impact, and in some cases prohibit, the participation of many clean energy projects in the loan guarantee program. In addition, this interpretation will restrict the Department's ability to most effectively leverage the loan guarantee authorities provided by Congress.

I would like to have a meeting arranged between the appropriate Department of Energy officials and my staff on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to clarify the Departments interpretation of the law regarding projects with multiple owners and creditors. I would also like to know how the Department is working with industry groups and applicants to address their questions regarding the Loan Guarantee Program.

Sincerely,

Senator Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member

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April 21, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC, 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for Idaho Sustainable Energy (ISE), LLC's application for a U.S. Department of Energy Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee (DE-FOA-0000005) to construct an Advanced Biorefinery Complex in Glenns Ferry, Idaho.

The city of Glenns Ferry has an approximate population of 1600 and is located on the picturesque Snake River 75 miles from Boise, Idaho's capitol city. Like many small cities in Idaho, agriculture has been the base of Glenns Ferry's economy and the city has enjoyed relatively robust employment for many years. However, due to recent economy downturn and the closure of two major employers, a high rate of unemployment has emerged in the community and surrounding area.

This project will have a tremendous impact on the community by generating at least 100 direct jobs and twice as many indirect jobs. These are good jobs, based on innovation and technology, and a product that will help supply alternative fuels to southern Idaho for decades into the future.

The support of a U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee is critical for the advancement of this worthy project. I ask that give your utmost consideration to ISE's application and to keep my office informed on the status of the application.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 22, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

We understand Clipper Windpower, Inc. (Clipper) has filed an application with the Department of Energy for a $300 million loan guarantee through the Title XVII - Incentives for Innovative Technologies program enacted in P.L. 109-58. Clipper is one of only two American, utility-scale wind turbine manufacturers and has shown significant growth and promise in past years as a viable supplier of turbine equipment. In fact, the Department has recognized Clipper as having the "most advanced and efficient wind turbine in the industry," the 2.5 MW Liberty wind turbine.

While Clipper is headquartered in California, the company operates a 330,000 square foot manufacturing and assembly facility located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where the Liberty wind turbine is made. Since the production of Clipper's first wind turbine in 2005, they have expanded to produce and commission over 725 MW of its Liberty wind turbines in 2008 (8% of the U.S. market). Clipper has also developed 250MW of successful projects in Iowa and is working on development of an additional 600 MW of assets, helping push Iowa to 2nd in the nation in wind power generating capacity.

As you are aware, the current economic situation has had a devastating effect on the renewable energy industry. This situation has led to a deferral of over $1 billion in turbine orders, leaving Clipper with a reduction in cash flow of over $400 million, and forced lay-offs of nearly 100 employees at their Cedar Rapids facility. These lay-offs come in the wake of the worst natural disaster in Iowa's history and one of the worst natural disasters in United States history.

The City of Cedar Rapids was particularly affected by the disaster and is still struggling to recover nearly a year after the flooding. The combined effects of the economic downturn and billions of dollars worth of damage to essentially every aspect of the city make these lay-offs especially difficult for the community and residents now searching for employment. The approval of Clipper's application for a $300 million loan guarantee will stem the present contraction and ensure continued growth with a planned doubling over the next three years of Clippers' Iowa workforce.

Further development and commercialization of Clipper's Liberty wind turbine will provide benefits nationwide and help meet the Department of Energy's goal of generating 20% of U.S. electric energy by wind by the year 2030. We respectfully urge you to fully and carefully consider Clipper's application without delay, keeping in mind the critical national importance of developing wind energy and the particular need caused by the economic downturn.

Sincerely,

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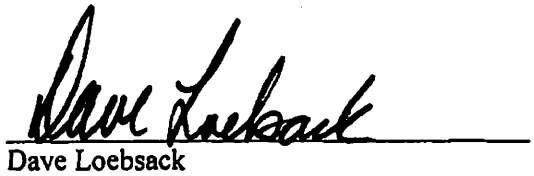

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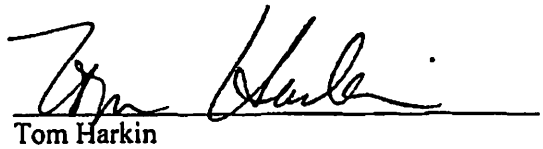

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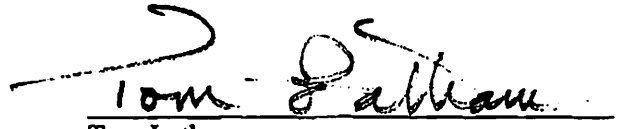

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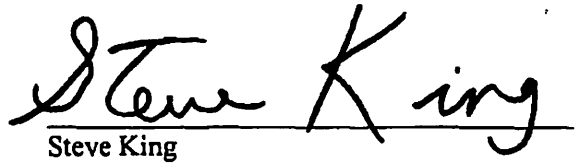

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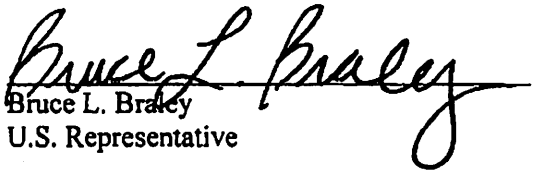

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April 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu, .

Thank you for your work to improve America's energy security through innovation.

As you m y know, an automotive startup company called Carbon Motors is engaged in an exhaustiva site location search in the Eastern United States. Carbon Motors Corporation (www.carbonmotors.com) seeks to design, develop and manufacture the world's first purpose-built law enforcement patrol vehicle. This project will incorporate clean diesel technology to reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions.

In the coming weeks, Carbon Motors Corporation will, bc submitting an application to participate in the Advanced Vehicle Technology Manufacturing Incentive Program (Section 136 of PL 110-140). I respectfully request that you give their application all due consideration under all applicable laws and regulations.

I have also included a fact sheet with information provided by Carbon Motors that demonstrates how this project meets important national priorities.

The company has identified strategic corporate and academic relationships available in Upstate South Carolina. T support their efforts to locate in the 'Upstateof South Carolina and I ask for any assistance you can provide in this endeavor.

Best regards,

Bob Inglis

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April 27, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for taking time to meet with me on April 3. I appreciate your time, insights and candor, and I look forward to working closely with you to enact President Obama's clean energy agenda.

One of the issues we discussed was the commitment of the Loan Guarantee Program to support the development of innovative low carbon electric generation technologies. I appreciate your support for this program and your commitment to solve the issues that have hampered its implementation to date. I do, however, remain concerned that significant decision points are approaching without critical hurdles for many participants being resolved.

The current program rules have been interpreted by DOE staff to require that applicants for the program commit the entire facility as collateral for the loan guarantee. In many cases, innovative technologies are brought to the market by consortiums or partnerships where a loan applicant doesn't own the entire facility. The loan applicant is merely seeking a loan related to its undivided interest in the project or facility. In some cases, it is not within the power of the applicant to provide a cross-default commitment.

This is exactly the situation we confront in South Carolina as we move forward to build two new nuclear units at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station.

South Carolina Electric & Gas and the South Carolina Public Service Authority (better known as Santee Cooper) have each applied to the DOE Loan Guarantee Program for this new construction. In fact, we were very proud that the project was the second highest rated submission evaluated by the Loan Guarantee Program's office, based on the Part 1 applications.

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DOE staff have interpreted the statute to require cross default agreements from co-owners of facilities as a condition of a loan. This overly narrow reading of the law is placing this project at grave risk. I am sure you will agree that so long as DOE has rights to step into the applicant's interest in the event of default it is a more than adequate protection of DOE's interests.

Secondly, the program rules also restrict loan applicants from sourcing capital from lenders such as foreign investment banks based on an insistence that DOE have superior rights to any collateral pledged. Other entities may choose to use alternative collateral as a guarantee for the loan in order to maximize financing flexibility but are prevented from doing so by the same loan restriction. In our current economic environment where capital markets remain illiquid and access to capital is scarce as best, this interpretation of the law seriously hinders the ability of many suitable projects to participate in the program.

These two issues, (i) requirement for cross-collateralization and (ii) failure to permit *pari passu* treatment of other project loans, must be resolved favorably by DOE in order to assure the program functions as designed and to ensure the program can choose from the strongest applicants, not just a limited few.

I am particularly concerned that these issues remain unresolved even as DOE prepares to make final recommendations regarding suitability of low carbon electric generation applicants for participating in the program. It is my understanding that the Office of Loan Guarantee has identified five projects for which staff is conducting due diligence at this time and the best among the candidate projects will not be able to participate in DOE's Loan Guarantee program if these issues are not resolved. This would be a wholly unacceptable outcome.

It is clear that it is in the best interests of the Department and American taxpayers to allow maximum flexibility in financing and ownership structures that strengthen the overall financial viability of eligible projects and provide a better demonstration project for the U.S. Government to showcase. I am very concerned that the Department has failed to allow this flexibility and, as a result, is putting at risk the long term efficacy of the program, as well as hundreds of high-skill, high-wage jobs in South Carolina.

I have been advised by my staff that you have the discretion to take these actions administratively and further legislation will not be necessary. I would respectfully request that you advise me of the actions taken to remove these inappropriate restrictions associated with cross default requirements and superior rights to collateral prior to making recommendations for finalists for the low carbon electric generation funds.

If these restrictions have not been removed or you are unable to remove them, please explain what steps are necessary to correct the problem. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on 202.226.3210 or have your staff contact Michael Hacker of my staff.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Clyburn
Majority Whip

Cc: Rod O'Connor, Chief of Staff
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April 29, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to request the U.S. Department of Energy's assistance with East Coast Ethanol's effort to determine 1) whether there will be another solicitation for renewable energy loan guarantee program applications in the near future, and 2) whether East Coast Ethanol's biofuels project would be eligible to apply under the existing rules and regulations of the program. I would be grateful if the appropriate personnel at the Department of Energy (DOE) would meet with East Coast Ethanol (ECE) in person or by phone to respond to their questions.

ECE has reviewed the statute, program regulations, and application material, but is unsure how DOE would classify the combination of technologies and processes they intend to use for their biofuels production project. ECE has attempted to get a meeting or feedback from DOE, but has not been successful. It is vitally important for ECE to get feedback from DOE as soon as possible to allow them to prepare a future loan guarantee application or, if DOE determines that they are not eligible, allow ECE to pursue necessary legislative alternatives.

It is my understanding that the primary question for ECE is whether their project would meet the definition of "new or significantly improved" technology. Specifically, they are attempting to determine whether firing an ethanol plant with woody biomass and capturing their carbon would be considered by DOE to be "new or significantly improved" since it is being applied to ethanol production (which it has not to any significant degree thus far). This new and innovative approach adds significantly to green house gas reductions for corn ethanol plants and it is the most viable current option for corn ethanol to meet the new Low Carbon Fuel Standard compliance schedule recently approved by the California Air Resources Board.

ECE has been developing this project for several years and was well on their way to completing it through the use of conventional private sector financing. However, the credit crisis has forced them to look to alternative financing options, such as the federal loan guarantee programs. The attached document provides some background and additional information on ECE, their proposed project and business model, and it's current status. They are shovel-ready,

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including the necessary permits, and can provide a significant number of jobs in economically depressed regions such as North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Again, I hope that DOE can respond to East Coast Ethanol as they attempt to move forward on a renewable energy project. If you have questions on this issue, feel free to contact Mr. Lee Lilley on my staff at 202-225-3101. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G. K. Butterfield
Member of Congress

Cc: David Frantz, Director
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April 30, 2009

U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, D.C. 20585-0800

Dear Congressional Liaison:

Enclosed please find a copy of a privacy release form received by my Twin Falls district office from my constituent, [redacted]. His concerns are very important to me therefore I am referring this matter to you for your appropriate consideration and action.

To assist me in fully addressing [redacted] concerns please send a **written response on your agency letterhead** to my Twin Falls office at the following address: 1341 Fillmore, Suite 202, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. If you need further information regarding this inquiry please feel free to contact Linda Culver at (208) 734-7219 or linda.culver@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for giving this matter your earliest attention.

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress

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May 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to you today in support of the Amargosa Solar Power Project ("ASPP") and its Loan Guarantee Application. On February 26, 2009, Solar Millennium, LLC submitted its application to the Department of Energy for a federal loan guarantee in response to the June 30, 2008 *Solicitation for Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies*.

The ASPP project will consist of two, 268-megawatt (MW) solar thermal parabolic trough power plants, a proven solar technology that has been in operation at a utility-scale in California for more than 20 years. The project will employ an innovative, technologically advanced, molten salt thermal storage system that is capable of providing electricity for 3.5 hours after sunset, or during cloud cover. Solar Millennium developed the Andasol-1 solar thermal project in Spain, which is currently in operation and employs this molten-salt thermal storage system, the first such utility-scale storage system in the world. The storage system at ASPP will be the first of its kind in the United States.

The project will be located in the Amargosa Valley in Nye County, Nevada, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The project will bring significant benefits to Nevadans – electricity for more than 150,000 homes, employing up to 1,600 construction jobs over a three-year period, and up to 160 full-time skilled jobs through the 30-year expected lifetime of the plant.

This project fulfills the commitment that both President Obama and I have made to help restore our economy through creating green jobs and energy independence and I hope that you keep my recommendation in mind when making your determination. Thank you for your time and consideration.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
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May 19th, 2009

Senator Mitch McConnell
361-A Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator McConnell,

This is to urgently request your immediate help as the U.S. Department of Energy nears its decisions regarding the loan applications for the breakthrough production of the electric car.

As you are well aware, we in Franklin could be hosting this new era of transportation, if the USDOE selects ZAP Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Inc. From Bowling Green to Nashville, this region is extremely optimistic about the ZAP electric car, and with good reason. If the ZAP loan application is funded, and combined with the private financing that has been committed, this would fundamentally change our economy, our future and our lives.

Our understanding is that the ZAP application to the DOE is "substantially complete" and now moves to the next phase of review, so we need your support in specific ways. You could help us directly with the Energy Secretary by finding out the exact timeline for the decision, and particularly if there is anything we can do to show our enthusiasm, or to provide added information about the advantages we offer to ZAP in this greater community.

ZAP, of course, has proven models in use around the world. We know for certain that the corporate financial model is sound, solid and favorable. In addition to putting hundreds of paychecks into our economy to benefit our families, ZAP would draw top automotive management as well as national, if not global, attention.

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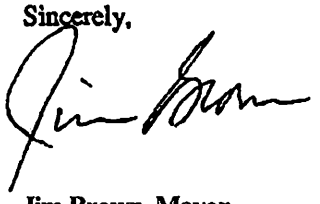
On behalf of our united, committed leadership, please do whatever is possible to speak to Secretary Chu in order to advise us of how best to proceed.

With great appreciation,

Sincerely,



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May 20, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to offer my full support on behalf of the application recently filed by Bannon Automotive LLC ("Bannon") for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program established by Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 ("Section 136").

As you are aware, Section 136 enables the U.S. Department of Energy to distribute loans to automobile and automobile parts manufacturers for the cost of re-equipping, expanding, or establishing advanced technology vehicle manufacturing facilities in the United States. The larger purpose behind this effort is to reshape America's transportation infrastructure around lower greenhouse gas emissions and to bring advanced auto manufacturing back to a place of prominence in the many parts of this country where the industrial base has eroded.

In its application, Bannon proposes to establish a manufacturing facility in the 25th Congressional District in upstate New York for the REVA — a plug-in electric passenger car with a proven track record in both India and Europe. There are already over 2000 REVAs on the road in India, and the Bannon team brings with it the experience and knowledge gained from years of performance and safety tests in both rural and urban environments. The REVA's success abroad bodes extremely well for the role it can play in transforming our transportation fleet for a new energy efficient and emission free future.

Most importantly, this project has the potential to revitalize an important area of Central New York that has been hard hit during years of a prolonged exodus of manufacturing entities. Where New York once had a proud manufacturing tradition, our skilled workers once again find more jobs on their way out than then do on their way in. This Administration has committed itself to not just distributing money for long overdue infrastructure projects, but to reestablish America's technical leadership in a new clean energy economy, and this is a great opportunity to do just that.

Mr. Secretary, I submit to you that Bannon's project meets all of the objectives set forth by Congress in enacting Section 136 and by this Administration. If this project goes forward, the potential exists for hundreds of new "green" manufacturing jobs in upstate New York. This is precisely the type of investment that not only stimulates the present but provides a solid foundation for the future. I urge you to consider Bannon's application favorably.

Sincerely,

Daniel B. Maffei
Member of Congress

cc: Lachlan Seward

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May 21,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understandingthat Severstal North America, Inc. in Dearborn, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Severstal is the fourth largest steel manufacturer in the United States. The company produces rolled sheet steel products for automobile and light truck auto manufacturers. This loan will enable them to produce the next generation of automotive advanced high strength steel and specialty products to meet future design and weight requirements for advanced technology automobiles,

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy, We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like Severstal, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Severstal North America, Inc. is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
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May 21,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that BorgWarner TorqTransfer Systems Inc. in Auburn Hills, Michigan is applying for an Electric Drive Component Manufacturing Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

BorgWarner is a global supplier of drivetrain systems for passenger cars, crossover vehicles and light trucks to the automobile industry. In 2008, the company successfully launched its first electric drive transmission that improved both the reliability and image of the electric vehicle. This grant will enable them to expand their transmission offerings to more mainstream electric vehicle applications.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of electric vehicles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like BorgWarner, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know BorgWarner is very committed to producing components for advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

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May 22, 2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles
Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing on behalf of Severstal North America, Inc., a steel manufacturer headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan, Severstal provides material components for a range of automobile and light truck lines at several domestic automotive manufacturing plants. It is my understanding that Severstal has recently submitted an application with the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP).

According to Severstal, the proposed project involves the design, enhancement and construction of manufacturing facilities with the capability of producing advanced high strength steel, or AHSS. Severstal states that AHSS can directly reduce the weight of the structural steel in a vehicle by 25 percent and could be used for the production of lighter-weight vehicles, significantly improving fuel efficiency in cars and light trucks. Severstal believes that its light weight materials will be critical to automakers that are working to comply with current and future fuel efficiency standards.

Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to the production of advanced technology vehicles. With its wealth of manufacturing infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to help lead the way in the development of our nation's clean energy manufacturing sector. The new jobs that can be created during this transition will be critical to our nation's economy,

I hope you will give Severstal due consideration as you work to distribute the ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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Mr. Lachlan Seward
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I write to you on behalf of Severstal North America, Inc., a steel manufacturer headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan. Severstal manufactures components for a range of automobile and light truck lines at several domestic automotive manufacturing plants. I understand that Severstal has recently submitted an application to the Department of Energy for a grant under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP).

According to Severstal, the proposed project involves the design, enhancement, and construction of manufacturing facilities to produce advanced high strength steel (AHSS). Severstal believes AHSS can reduce the weight of structural steel in a vehicle by 25 percent, thereby significantly improving the fuel efficiency in passenger vehicles and light trucks. The light-weight materials produced by Severstal will be critical to the efforts of automotive manufacturers to comply with current and future fuel economy standards.

I hope you will give Severstal due consideration as you work to distribute ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy

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May 22,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that **Magna International** in Troy, Michigan is applying for an Electric Drive Component Manufacturing Initiative Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Magna is a highly diversified global supplier of a broad range of integrated systems, modules and components to the automobile industry. The company has been engaged by Ford Motor Company to develop and supply electric powertrain components and systems for battery electric vehicles, This loan will enable them to construct a motor manufacturing facility in the United States.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of battery electric vehicles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like Magna, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Magna International is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, Sec. 406 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5) established the Renewable Energy and Electric Power Transmission Loan Guarantee Program. This new component of the loan guarantee program established within Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was crafted to achieve the two most urgent objectives of this legislation: to promote investment in key elements of a sustainable national energy infrastructure and to ensure that investment takes place rapidly to maximize the economic stimulus effect of the funds provided. For this reason, we commend your recent decision that the projects currently active in the 2006 solicitation for the original loan guarantee program that meet the eligibility requirements of the newly established program (Section 1705 of Title XVII) will be provided guarantees as specified under this new program. Specifically, the eligible projects whose applications are ultimately approved will have their subsidy costs paid by using funds from the $6,000,000,000 appropriated for this purpose by the legislation.

We learned of this decision after the Department conveyed it to the Beacon Power Corp. of Tyngsboro, MA, a finalist in the first solicitation issued by the Loan Guarantee Program in 2006. In a March 4 letter to Beacon, Mr. David Frantz, Director of the Loan Guarantee Program Office stated the Department's view that Beacon may be eligible to have its subsidy cost paid using appropriated funds if its project meets two requirements concerning the project's commencement date and the payment of prevailing wage rates for project labor, as provided in statute. We welcome this decision and believe that this approach complies with the new legislation in both letter and spirit. Beacon's technology has the potential to meet the new program's dual goals of applying clean energy technologies to improve the electricity transmission system and doing so as quickly as possible.

As you may know, Beacon Power proposed an energy transmission system project consisting of a first-of-its-kind facility for regulating the electrical power grid using flywheel energy storage instead of conventional fossil-fuel generation. The intent is to provide this key ancillary service to the electricity grid in a cleaner and far more effective manner than ever before. In 2006-2007, Beacon Power competed with 143 loan guarantee pre-applicants and was one of only 16 chosen to submit a full application. For the past 16 months, Beacon Power has worked with the

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Department of Energy to develop and submit its final application. Now in the Department's due diligence process, the Beacon proposal continues to be extensively examined and scrutinized for its technical merit, contribution to the advancement of clean energy goals, and support of a modernized transmission infrastructure. We understand that the Beacon Power project is ready to commence construction within weeks of closing on a Department of Energy loan guarantee. Your decision will enable this project to move forward expeditiously, assuming of course it meets the requirements for final approval of its application.

We thank you for your leadership in rapidly formulating the rules and procedures of the new loan guarantee program. We look forward to continuing to work with you in building a clean energy infrastructure for the nation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Nolan:

I write on behalf of Mayor Jim Brown of Franklin, Kentucky, who has contacted me regarding ZAP Motor Manufacturing's application for funding through the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. I would appreciate your review and response to my constituent's questions and concerns. Specifically, Mayor Brown would welcome guidance on how to best communicate the City of Franklin's support for this project to the Department of Energy.

I have enclosed a copy of Mayor Brown's correspondence for your information. Please direct any inquiries and all relevant information to Allison Thompson in my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I will look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Mitch McConnell

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June 3,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program
United States Department of Energy
100 Independence Ave., S.W.
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I write to you on behalf of EcoMotors International, an advanced automotive technology company located in Michigan. I understand that EcoMotors has recently submitted an application to the Department of Energy for a grant under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP).

According to EcoMotors, it has developed an opposed-piston-opposed cylinder (OPOC) engine that may provide fuel economy savings in excess of 50 percent relative to conventional engines. EcoMotors is seeking funding through the ATVMLP to perform engineering integration, validation, and testing of the OPOC engine in specific vehicle applications. This project will be invaluable in addressing a number of the United States' energy- and climate-related priorities, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, decreasing national dependency on foreign sources of oil, and generating advanced technology jobs.

I hope you will give EcoMotors due consideration as you work to distribute ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of congress

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June 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Pursuant to our telephone discussion of June 8, 2009, I write you to inquire of several issues related to the Advanced Vehicle Manufacturing Technology Loan Program, which was authorized under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Clean Cities program.

In September 2008, Congress provided $7.5 billion to subsidize costs of the Section 136 direct loan program. This funding enables the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to issue direct loans of up to $25 billion. I understand that companies working on advanced vehicle technology have requested over $38 billion in loans and that DOE has given first round approval to about $25 billion of these requests. Many companies from within my district, including Ford and Severstal Steel, have applied for Section 136 loans but are still awaiting their issuance by DOE. I would be interested to learn when you expect the first round of loans to be issued under the Section 136 direct loan program. These much-needed loans will give American companies the resources they need to develop advanced technologies that will make vehicles more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Additionally, there are currently two bills before the House of Representatives that would strengthen funding for the Section 136 direct loan program. The first bill, H.R. 2454, the "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009," contains provisions that would grant Section 136 direct funding from approximately 1 percent of the bill's emissions allowances through 2025. The second, H.R. 2150, which was also adopted as an amendment to H.R. 2454 by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, would double the direct loan authorization under Section 136 to $50 billion. Please let me know your position on these measures and if you would be willing to publicly support either or both of them.

Finally, and as we also discussed, the field of advanced battery technology promises to provide new transportation solutions and reinvigorate the Nation's manufacturing base, yet needs support as it continues to develop. A123 Systems is an

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advanced battery manufacturer based in Watertown, MA, that has production facilities in the State of Michigan. Among other products, A123 manufactures modules that convert gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles into plug-in hybrids. Several state and municipal agencies would like to purchase such conversion modules from A123 using grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Clean Cities program. DOE, which administers the Clean Cities program, however, has decided not to grant funds for the purchase of the conversion modules made by A123. DOE has taken the position that conversion modules must be certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to receive grant funding, yet neither CARB nor EPA has established procedures to certify A123's conversion modules. The State of California, though, is using state funds to purchase A123 conversion modules, which makes it illogical that DOE would block grants for A123's conversion modules due to lack of CARB certification, particularly when there is not a certification process offered. I urge you to reverse DOE's position and allow states and municipalities to use grants under the Clean Cities program to purchase conversion modules made by A123. A reversal would not only help reduce municipal vehicle fleet emissions, but also stimulate growth in the American clean energy industry.

The ongoing recession has hit Michigan particularly hard and thousands of skilled manufacturing workers in the state have lost their jobs. Michigan is responding by working to convert its economy into a development and manufacturing center for new, green technologies and products. The advanced battery industry is one particularly bright spot in this vision and promises to provide new, more environmentally-friendly transportation solutions. Section 136 direct loans and approval of A123's conversion modules for Clean Cities funding are both urgently needed to support Michigan's economic recovery and redevelopment.

Thank you for your kind attention to these matters. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly or have your staff contact Andrew Woelfling with my office at 202-225-4071.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program
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June 10, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Stephen Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Few policy objectives related to our nation's energy independence and wise stewardship of natural resources could be more important than the timely and efficient development of batteries to propel automobiles. For many years members of Congress have supported the development of a domestic industry to produce advanced batteries for automotive application. Development of this industry will put thousands to work building and maintaining a high value-added product. Further, manufacturing of advanced batteries within the United States is good for the long-term economic and national security interests of the country. Our nation does not want to exchange reliance on imported oil for reliance on imported batteries.

In Indiana, we are indeed fortunate to host EnerDel, a company which has constructed lithium-ion battery manufacturing facilities in and near Indianapolis. EnerDel has developed a versatile lithium-ion product for use in Electric Vehicles, Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles. Soon the company will begin manufacturing these at commercial volumes for American and European car makers. At this stage, EnerDel possesses the only mass production capability for this battery in the U.S.

EnerDel submitted an application in December, 2008 under your Department's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program. EnerDel seeks a loan under section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to greatly expand its manufacturing facilities in Indiana. The result of a successful application will be a Midwest-based battery manufacturing capability proximate to principal consumer and commercial automobile manufacturing facilities across the Midwest. Indiana supports this application, as well as the company's more recent grant application under Stimulus funding, and we add our individual voices to urge its favorable consideration. The development of this manufacturing capability will, to a large degree, drive the capability of our country to respond to this demand by rapidly scaling-up production. EnerDel is

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shovel-ready – in terms of both product and personnel. Their applications offer a significant opportunity to lend valued taxpayer dollars in this important economic and security objective.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh

Richard Lugar

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I applaud your hard work in your first few months as Secretary of Energy, and particularly your efforts to advocate for Department of Energy (DOE) programs funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). DOE is a critical conduit for solving important energy, environmental and national security challenges facing the nation.

In addition to the thousands of jobs created by ARRA funded projects, I wish to highlight the Department's opportunity to potentially save and create approximately 6,000 "shovel-ready" jobs utilizing existing appropriations and authorities under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("loan guarantee" program).

In May 2007, the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) began construction of the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio. The total project cost for the American Centrifuge Plant is estimated at $3.5 billion. To date, USEC has spent $1 billion on this project, and USEC has applied for a $2 billion loan guarantee from DOE to help obtain financing needed to complete the project.

More than 1,000 people are already employed by the American Centrifuge Plant, including over 300 people employed in South Carolina by the design contractor Fluor Corporation. If the project proceeds as planned, Fluor Corporation projects that approximately $170 million in salaries and benefits will be paid to its employees in South Carolina alone. USEC anticipates that more than 6,000 people in total will be employed by its contractors and suppliers across the country during the life of this project.

In addition to immediate job creation and preservation, it is also important to point out other economic and national security benefits of a DOE loan guarantee to complete the American Centrifuge Plant. The American Centrifuge Plant will help revitalize a domestic base of nuclear contractors and suppliers needed for future construction of domestic nuclear power plants to meet our growing electricity demands. With respect to national security, the American Centrifuge Plant would ensure a lasting domestic source of uranium enrichment to help feed our nuclear power plants as well as future national security needs of the Department of Defense.

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It is my understanding that DOE is now reviewing USEC's $2 billion loan guarantee application to complete construction of the American Centrifuge Plant. As you know, current market conditions for commercial debt financing are not favorable. Simply stated, it is not likely that USEC will complete the project without the help of a loan guarantee from DOE. USEC has already been forced to freeze employment and has reduced its financial commitment to the project as it awaits a loan guarantee decision from DOE.

If DOE finally determines that USEC's loan guarantee application is acceptable, I ask that you quickly move forward and complete a definitive loan guarantee agreement for the benefit of the American Centrifuge Plant.

Best regards,

Bob Inglis

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June 22,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that EnVironmental Transportation Solutions, LLC in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan is submitting a proposal for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

Environmental Transportation Solutions manufacturers a low speed battery electric vehicle, the EcoV, a roadworthy commercial and private use vehicle with no emissions and virtually maintenance free. This loan will enable them to retool their product and facility to start full scale production at an established assembler in Detroit.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies like, EnVironmental Transportation Solutions are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Environmental Transportation Solutions is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration,

Sincerely,

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June 23, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to indicate my support and encouragement with regard to an application for a direct loan through the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP) submitted by EIG America, Inc.

Funding of this application would support the construction and operation of an advanced battery manufacturing facility in the City of Anderson, Madison County, Indiana. EIG America proposes to renovate an abandoned ex-GM plant in Anderson, directly employing at least 200 U. S. workers, at the target site, with a capacity of 460MWh of large format 30Ah lithium iron phosphate prismatic/pouch-style battery cells per year in two phases by 2012. This facility will be near Bright Automotive, already one of EIG's first U.S. design wins.

EIG America has been working with the City of Anderson in Madison County, as well as the Corporation for Economic Development on this advanced battery manufacturing facility for almost a year, and is confident that this is not only good for Indiana and EIG, but also of great strategic benefit to the U.S. technology and energy base, which is the fundamental purpose of the Energy Independence & Security Act, under which ATVMIP is funded.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully urge the Department of Energy to give EIG America, Inc. every appropriate consideration when reviewing its application for loan funding through the ATVMIP program.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence
Member of Congress
Sixth District, Indiana

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June 29, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing again today to bring to your attention the importance of continuing to fund the Department of Energy (DOE) Section 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMIP) most importantly to small auto manufacturers. This program was established under H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which was signed into law on December 19, 2007. Your recent announcement of $8 billion in conditional loan agreements is encouraging, but I am concerned the applications of smaller manufacturers are not receiving the attention merited.

I agree that this loan program is vital to production of fuel efficient cars. As you mentioned in your June 23rd address, only three automobile manufacturers have received loans: Ford Motor Company, Nissan, and Tesla Motors. I believe it is necessary that DOE move forward with the additional applications particularly those of small manufacturers. Administering loans to small manufacturers across the country will immediately begin to put people back to work. To reach President Obama's goal of having one million plug-in hybrid vehicles on American roads by 2015, we must act as a country sooner than later.

ATVMIP loans will help lead our nation out of the deep recession we currently face, but it is vital that applications of small manufacturers be given the same consideration as those of large corporations. It is true that some of our country's greatest innovations start from small origins. Again, I ask that you and your Department begin to process the smaller loans as part of ATVMIP, which will further change America into the home of modern vehicle efficiency.

In advance, thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Schmidt

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MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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June 29, 2009

The Honorable Stephen Chu
Secretary, United States Department of Energy
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RE: NRG Application for Title XVII Solar Energy Loan Guarantee

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you to communicate my strong commitment to NRG Energy's solar power project to be located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico. Dona Ana County is the second-most populated county in New Mexico and the fastest growing county within my district. The need for reliable energy is ever-present. This new solar project will ensure the energy needs of the residents of Doña Ana County are met by providing 92 megawatts of clean, reliable energy to nearly 74,000 homes.

Additionally, Doña Ana County is physically diverse with prodigious mountains and vast deserts—the land is perfect for this low impact project. Power generation at this new solar project will use low-cost solar thermal technology, thereby not using traditional fossil fuels to make electricity, which further eliminates greenhouse gases and helps to preserve our land.

My support for this project goes beyond improvements to our environment and our movement towards energy independence—this project will create jobs, and in Southern New Mexico where economic development is needed during these difficult times, this project presents an economic opportunity for the hard working constituents in my district.

NRG's proposal to bring new solar technology to New Mexico using the eSolar technology demonstrates great commitment to Doña Ana County and the community. I hope you will join me in support of this solar project.

Sincerely,

Harry Teague

Member of Congress

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The Honorable Daniel B. Poneman
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: Status inquiry and statement of support for Secure Energy's application for Funding Opportunity Announcement DE-FOA-0000008

Dear Deputy Secretary Poneman:

Congratulations on your confirmation as our nation's Deputy Secretary of Energy. You will play a critical role within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in shaping our nation's energy policy, and we look forward to working with you to ensure the continued modernization of our energy infrastructure.

We are writing to express our interest in your administration of the Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) which Congress established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-58). We are aware that one company in particular, Secure Energy Inc., has applied for a DOE loan guarantee for its coal-gasification plant in Decatur, Illinois.

Secure Energy has been approved for all necessary state and local permits and was set to begin construction until the recent crisis in the capital markets made private debt equity unavailable. We have full confidence in this project's ability to create sustainable economic growth and employment in the current financial crisis. It is shovel-ready and will bring hundreds of direct well-paying, technical jobs, as well as hundreds of ancillary jobs such as trucking, mining, and plant support to Central Illinois.

Given your role as Chairman of the Department's Credit Review Board, we request that you thoroughly examine Secure Energy's loan guarantee application. If you find the application meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval, it is our hope that a loan guarantee will be made available to Secure Energy in a reasonable time frame. On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, we thank you for your leadership and service to the Department of Energy and our nation. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

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June 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Secretary Chu:

It is my understanding that Enerkem Corporation has submitted an application for a loan guarantee with the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program for the construction of a commercial advanced biofuel production facility in Pontotoc, Mississippi. The purpose of this letter is to indicate my strong support for Enerkem's project.

The Enerkem Mississippi project is expected to produce 20 million gallons of ethanol per year using a feedstock mix that includes wood residues from forest and agricultural operations in the area, as well as urban biomass such as MSW, construction debris and treated wood. Enerkem recently signed of a Memorandum of Intent with the Three Rivers Solid Waste Management Authority of Mississippi for the supply of approximately 189,000 tons of unsorted municipal solid waste (MSW) per year for use as feedstock at the Pontotoc facility.

In addition to the biofuels production facility, Enerkem's will construct an upstream MSW recycling and pre-treatment center. The Enerkem process will recycle and convert approximately 60% of the MSW that crosses the gate at the Three Rivers landfill. The overall project is expected to create 150 long-term direct and indirect jobs, and to generate an additional 300 jobs during the construction and start-up phases. In all, Enerkem plans to make a $250 million investment in the project.

The Enerkem project provides a an early opportunity for Mississippi to develop the capacity to produced fuels that meet the mandate of the federal renewable fuel standard from feedstocks from have clear environmental benefits, minimize or reduce indirect land use impacts, and avoid competition conflicts. This is the type of project that the DOE Loan Guarantee Program was created by Congress to support. I hope that it will receive every consideration for selection. Please do not hesitate to contact Benjamin Lincoln on my staff with any questions or comments. He can be reached at 202-225-4306 or via email at Benjamin.Lincoln@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Travis W. Childers

Travis W. Childers
Member of Congress.

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July 1,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We write to express our strong support of V Vehicle Company (VVC) and their introduction of an affordable, fuel-efficient, and low-emissions vehicle into the U.S. market. The company has submitted two applications under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan program and we respectfully request that you evaluate these applications as quickly as possible.

VVC's automobile is called the "V Car" and will be sold through a national retail chain for under $10,000. We understand that this price point will make the vehicle available to a wide range of customers who would otherwise be unable to purchase an advanced technology vehicle. The V Car is estimated to save about 1.1 billion gallons of gasoline and reduce carbon emissions by approximately 22 billion pounds through 2015.

This vehicle would serve as a catalyst for job creation. VVC is locating its first regional assembly plant in the State of Louisiana and as a demonstration of the State's confidence in the company Louisiana has committed $87 million to re-equip a former General Motors facility, $12.8 million in employee training services and an estimated $33.8 million of tax abatements. The addition of this assembly plant will bring more than 1,400 direct jobs to Northeast Louisiana. These high-tech jobs will bring an enormous and much needed boost to the regional economy.

The timing of DOE's decision is very important. In order for VVC to maintain on its current schedule, it is important for a decision to be made on the company's ATVM applications by October of this year.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you give this application every appropriate consideration during the review. Further, we would appreciate any information you may now provide regarding the status of this application.

Sincerely,

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July 2, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (AVTM) loan program is proving an important tool to aid American automobile innovators in their efforts to build the next generation of fuel efficient vehicles. It is for that reason that I am writing in support of V-Vehicle Company's (VVC) two applications for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) loan program. VVC is headquartered in San Diego, CA, the region I represent, and has developed a fuel-efficient, low-emission and, perhaps most important due to the current economic environment, low cost vehicle. VVC submitted these applications to the Department of Energy (DOE) on March 13, 2009. Given VVC's potential impact on both the automotive industry and the overall U.S. economy, I am requesting that these applications be evaluated as quickly as possible.

VVC will deliver real results quickly and I believe it is a strong candidate for the ATVM loan program. These loans will assist the company with the engineering integration of the V Car in San Diego, CA. Additionally, the V Car will be manufactured in the U.S. and the loan funding will also support the reequipping of an existing manufacturing facility to be VVC's first regional assembly plant.

With the support of the ATVM loans, VVC will create more than 17,000 jobs over the next several years. This magnitude of job creation is impressive and will be critical to economic recovery in several states beyond California. By receiving the requested loan amounts, VVC will be able to accelerate the V Car's time to market and begin creating those jobs immediately.

I am pleased that California is home to companies such as VVC, and I support their commitment to re-establishing American leadership in the automotive industry. I encourage you to give VVC's applications appropriate consideration and, while conducting necessary due diligence, do what you can to expedite the review process.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Bilbray
Member of Congress

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July 6, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to offer my support for EIG America's application for a grant through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVM) for funding to support the construction and operation of an advanced battery manufacturing facility in the city of Anderson, Indiana.

EIG America proposes a project to renovate an abandoned General Motors plant in Anderson. This renovated facility would directly employ at least 200 U.S. workers, and would have the capacity to produce 460MWh of large format 30Ah lithium iron phosphate prismatic/pouch-style battery cells per year, in two phases, by 2012. The facility in question is in close proximity to Bright Automotive operations, which is one of EIG's first U.S. design wins.

Through leading technology in battery chemistries and their resulting energy densities, combined with its ISO/TS certified manufacturing processes, EIG will provide an increase in demand for electrified transportation products that will benefit the U.S. in many ways including the reduction in demand for foreign oil and reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases. It will also create a large number of jobs in advanced manufacturing in the Anderson community.

I urge your support for funding for EIG America's application through the Department of Energy. If you have any additional questions, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Andrew Mills at 202-224-4814.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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July 6,2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles
Manufacturing Incentive Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing on behalf of the Vehicle Production Group (VPG), LLC, a Michigan-based company that designs, engineers, and manufactures specialty vehicles for mobility impaired individuals. It has come to my attention that VPG has recently submitted an application with the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP).

According to the Vehicle Production Group, no purpose-built, ADA-compliant vehicles are currently available in the North American marketplace. VPG plans to build a model series targeted toward mobility impaired consumers as well as the commercial/municipal fleet paratransit markets. It is my understanding that VPG also has plans to work with General Motors to introduce a compressed natural gas compatible option for this new model, improving mobility for disabled consumers while decreasing our country's dependence on oil.

Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to the production of advanced technology vehicles. With its wealth of manufacturing infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to help lead the way in the development of our nation's clean energy manufacturing sector. The new jobs that can be created during this transition will be critical to our nation's economy.

I hope you will give VPG due consideration as you work to distribute the ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

Carl Levin

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Congress of the United States
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July 7, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We write to express our strong support of V-Vehicle Company (VVC) and its introduction of an affordable, fuel-efficient, and low-emissions vehicle into the U.S. market. The company has submitted two applications under the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) loan program, and we respectfully request that you evaluate these applications expeditiously.

VVC's automobile is called the "V Car" and will be sold through a national retail chain for under $10,000. We understand that this price point will make the vehicle available to a wide range of customers who would otherwise not be able to purchase an advanced technology vehicle. VVC projections indicate that the V Car will save about 1.1 billion gallons of gasoline and reduce carbon emissions by approximately 22 billion pounds through 2015.

In addition to the environmental savings, VVC will help to transform Louisiana. VVC is locating its first regional assembly plant in Monroe, Louisiana, and as a demonstration of State and local communities' confidence in VVC, Louisiana has committed $87 million to re-equip a former General Motors facility, $12.8 million in employee training services, and an estimated $33.8 million in tax abatements. The addition of this assembly plant will bring more than 1,400 direct jobs to Northeast Louisiana.

If the DOE funds this initial plant, VVC plans to construct three additional manufacturing sites, distributed across the country, each with similar job creation levels. Ultimately, this translates into approximately 6,000 direct jobs at VVC plants across the nation, plus indirect jobs in the region around each plant.

The Louisiana Delegation respecetfully requests that the DOE support VVC's current ATVM applications. Without these loans, the company would be required to raise the capital in the private markets, which would significantly delay VVC's start of production date, and in turn, delay significant job creation in a region of Louisiana that will substantially benefit from a project of this magnitude. In order for VVC to meet the projected production schedule, it is important for a decision to be made on the company's ATVM applications by October of this year or earlier.

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VVC is poised to make a significant impact on the U.S. automotive industry and consumer markets by introducing a fuel-efficient, high quality, safe and economical car to the American public. The V Car offers an immediate solution to reduce the U.S. automotive industry's energy consumption, lessen its environmental impact, and enhance its employment levels, all at a price affordable to the average American consumer and while generating significant new jobs. We know of no other project that is more closely aligned with the policy objectives of both the current Congressional Legislative Session and the Section 136 Program.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you give this application every appropriate consideration during the review. Further, we would appreciate any information you may now provide regarding the status of this application.

Sincerely,

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July 7, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We, the members of the Idaho congressional delegation, are encouraged by your stated commitment to the near-term, successful implementation of the Department of Energy (DOE) Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program. We applaud the DOE Credit Review Board's speedy approval of a conditional agreement to offer the Department's first loan guarantee, to a solar technology applicant as announced in March 2009. Similarly, we urge the Department to issue a Front End Nuclear Facilities loan guarantee to the most meritorious applicant in as timely a manner as feasible.

The DOE Loan Guarantee Program is among the few policy tools immediately available with the promise of delivering market-ready innovative, clean energy technologies in an economically impactful way. For it to succeed, surely you will agree that the program must demonstrate integrity and credibility through a fair, objective and timely process that meets the reasonable business needs of the applicants while also protecting the Treasury from undue exposure.

AREVA is a strong, creditworthy applicant for the $2 billion Front End Nuclear Facilities loan guarantee for the Eagle Rock Enrichment Facility in Bonneville County, Idaho, an investment-grade project that, in addition to meeting the objectives of the Loan Guarantee Program, will address important national security concerns by displacing dependence on Russia with reliable domestic supply to help meet critical U.S. fuel needs. With successful debt financing, AREVA will generate an additional 5,000 jobs in the U.S. economy through this project.

Based on your early performance in office, we have every confidence that you will administer the DOE Loan Guarantee Program with efficiency and the utmost integrity. We therefore trust that you will facilitate the issuance of a Front End Nuclear Facilities loan guarantee to the most qualified applicant within the earliest timeframe possible and invite your suggestions for how we may assist the Department in facilitating the successful issuance of the loan guarantee.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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United States Senator

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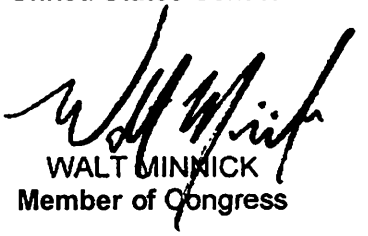

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July 7, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu,

We are writing in support of the Department of Energy seriously considering Mississippi as it reviews applications for the Department's Loan Guarantee Program.

This program plays an invaluable role in ensuring federal support and proper oversight of innovative energy technologies and projects. The need for a secure and stable energy supply has encouraged a growing number of projects in the area of alternative fuels. As technologies progress, we believe Mississippi, with our proven workforce, is an ideal location for advancement of such projects. These sorts of investments in Mississippi will provide a much needed positive economic impact and add substantially to the local tax base. We have been made aware of pending applications for future investments in Mississippi, and we encourage the Department of Energy to give these applications from our state fair consideration.

We appreciate your consideration of utilizing Mississippi for new and improved technologies to help sustain economic growth and create a diverse and stable energy supply. If we can be of further assistance in this selection process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

Thad Cochran
U.S. Senator

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July 8, 2009

The Honorable Steve Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to strongly encourage the Department of Energy to give positive consideration to the application from USEC for the American Centrifuge Plant in Ohio. This project meets the criteria established for the nuclear loan guarantee program. The American Centrifuge Plant uses DOE's advanced gas centrifuge technology to replace an existing enrichment technology that is over 50 years old. The new, advanced technology will use 95 percent less electricity, reducing the need for about 1000 MW of power, and thereby cutting emissions of carbon dioxide by about 10 million tons annually. The plant not only represents an advanced nuclear technology, but it is also a more efficient end-use technology.

It has been nearly a year since USEC filed its application, and now USEC is up against a financial deadline and may have to make a decision about demobilizing this project because of the delays. The intent of the loan guarantee program is to foster the development of new, innovative technologies that reduce emissions and are used for the first time in the United States. The American Centrifuge Plant could create approximately 8,000 jobs across the country, including transportation service jobs in Missouri. With the current state of the economy, we cannot afford to lose these current and future jobs.

I believe we must ensure that the loan guarantee program is a success in helping companies bring energy security to our nation, and that loan guarantees are directed to the most qualified candidates needing financial assistance and have programs that meet the purpose of the program as established by Congress.

I will continue to support efforts by DOE to make the loan guarantee program a success and look forward to working with you in that regard.

Sincere regards,

Roy Blunt
Member of Congress

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Mr Sec.
I'd be glad to
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July 13, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our nation's energy future and your stewardship of the Department of Energy's (DOE) laboratories and facilities. As our economy continues to struggle and our nation is taking on the tough task of developing new sources of low-emitting carbon energy, I want to highlight the importance of the loan guarantee application submitted by USEC Inc., a corporation headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland.

As you know, USEC is attempting to build the American Centrifuge Plant (ACP) on the site of the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. This project uses technology developed by the DOE and USEC and when completed, would be the only American owned and operated uranium enrichment facility in the country. Not only would this bring much needed jobs to Ohio and Tennessee, it would reduce our nation's reliance on foreign sources of enriched uranium.

I appreciate the Department's stewardship of taxpayers' dollars and agree that a loan guarantee the size USEC is seeking deserves close and careful scrutiny. As the DOE evaluates the applicants for the loan guarantee, I want to remind you of the importance of a timely decision. If successful, the ACP would solidify America's leadership in uranium enrichment technology and could create approximately 6,000 jobs across the country, including a majority of those in the hardest hit regions of Ohio and Tennessee.

I look forward to working with you in the coming weeks on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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July 16, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our concern that the loan guarantee application made by USEC Inc. for the American Centrifuge Plant has not received a conditional commitment and in fact, the delay has forced the company to announce a potential demobilization of the project, which would include significant layoffs and contract terminations.

USEC filed its application over eleven months ago, and since then USEC has provided DOE's loan guarantee staff with weekly and quarterly reports on project progress and has responded to inquiries for additional information in a timely fashion. We are aware that USEC has presented your staff with a timeline that is critical to keeping this project on track. We understand there has been recent progress in reaching a decision, but we would like assurance that high-level discussions will continue so as to ensure that layoffs are averted and that instead, USEC can begin hiring and significantly contribute to economic growth in our communities.

Members of the Ohio and Tennessee delegations would like to schedule a meeting at your office in the next two weeks to discuss this matter and ask for your personal intervention to expedite this application so that a determination can be made on a conditional commitment to this project.

President Obama, along with the Governors and Congressional delegations of Ohio, Maryland, Tennessee and Kentucky support the American Centrifuge Plant. The project will solidify America's leadership in uranium enrichment technology and will create approximately 8,000 jobs across the country. We cannot afford to lose this technology or these existing and potential jobs in today's environment.

Now is the time to act. To do otherwise will put our energy security, our national security and these economic benefits in jeopardy. We look forward to meeting with you in the next two weeks to discuss how your department is going to reach a conclusion on this application.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich

George Voinovich
United States Senator

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Ted Strickland
Governor of Ohio

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Bob Corker
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July 16, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As part of the Select Committee's ongoing review of policies to promote renewable energy, I write to request information on the Department of Energy's loan guarantee programs.

As you know, I am a strong proponent of the widespread development of renewable energy resources. The House recently passed Chairman Waxman's and my bill, the American Clean Energy and Security Act, which included a 20% combined renewable energy and energy efficiency standard. Widespread deployment of renewable resources will create clean energy jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and reduce the amount of global warming emissions threatening our planet. In particular, solar electricity has significant potential to help meet our nation's electricity needs and has enjoyed sizeable cost reductions in the last few years.

Financing of alternative energy projects continues to be a challenge in developing renewable resources and DOE's loan guarantee program remains a critical component for many renewable developers. As I am sure you are aware, many of the large solar energy projects under development in the West are pursuing debt financing through the DOE's Loan Guarantee Program, which expires on September 30, 2011, and the U.S. Treasury's Grant-in-Lieu Program, which requires projects to start construction by December 31, 2010. A number of solar developers have indicated that it is of critical importance for DOE's loan guarantee process to stay on schedule so that the solar projects can maintain their planned development, permitting and construction schedules -- both to be eligible to receive grants and to get power delivered to customers. I appreciate the diligent efforts that DOE has undertaken in assuring that the grant program works effectively and efficiently to help accomplish our nation's renewable electricity goals.

The Select Committee is interested in obtaining more information on the process by which solar energy projects obtain DOE's loan guarantees under Title XVII of the 2005 Energy Act. To help the Committee in this endeavor, please address the following questions.

1. Does the DOE provide feedback to applicants in stages such as initial feedback on application status (with, for example, preliminary non-binding term sheets)? What is the process for ultimately negotiating loan documents as quickly as possible? Are applicants given key milestones to work toward so that they can evaluate their options at each stage?

2. How long would a typical applicant have to wait to both secure a loan guarantee and to complete the NEPA review required for a DOE loan guarantee? Does this process allow for solar projects to secure both the loan guarantees and the U.S. Treasury's grants?

3. How many total expected disbursements of grants in lieu of investment tax credits could be made to projects commencing construction by the statutorily required date based on the current processes at DOE and the U.S. Treasury? What would your estimate be of the total expected disbursements of grants in lieu of investment tax credits if the date to commence construction were extended for one additional year?

4. Are there other obstacles to the loan guarantee programs due to conflicting policies or requirements set by different agencies or programs that need to be resolved?

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in responding to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Morgan Gray or Partha Malvadkar of the Select Committee staff at 202-225-4012.

Sincerely,

Ed Markey

Edward J. Markey
Chair

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July 20, 2009

Mr. David Frantz
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U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Re: U.S. Department of Energy loan guarantee application (DE-FOA-0000005)

Dear Mr. Frantz:

We are writing on behalf of Ascent Solar Technologies and their application to the Department of Energy (DOE) Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program.

We recently toured Ascent Solar's facility in Thornton, CO and were both impressed with their technology. Ascent Solar has developed unique thin-film photovoltaic modules from a pliable substrate material to create flexible, light-weight, and affordable copper indium gallium selenide (CIGS) photovoltaic modules. Their new manufacturing plant is taking significant strides toward producing affordable renewable energy applications and creating new jobs for Coloradans.

The Loan Guarantee Program is a wonderful opportunity for companies around the nation to be given the necessary resources to grow a transformative, clean energy economy.

We realize the application process is long and arduous. We are writing today in order to ascertain the status of Ascent Solar's loan application and to find out of what sort of award timeline is in place for similar applicants. Thank you for your attention to this inquiry. Please respond to our Colorado Offices. Senator Udall: *999* Eighteenth Street Suite N 1525, Denver, CO 80202. Senator Bennet: 2300 15th St. Suite 450 Denver, Colorado 80202

Sincerely.

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July 20, 2009

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan
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Dear Ms. Nolan:

I am writing regarding USEC, Inc.'s application for a loan guarantee for its American Centrifuge plant in Piketon, Ohio. USEC, Inc., which is based in my congressional district, submitted an application to the Department nearly 11 months ago but has yet to receive a decision on its application.

USEC, Inc., is a Bethesda, Maryland-based company that operates the only uranium enrichment plant in the U.S., supplying more than half of the U.S. market and more than one-quarter of the world market of uranium. The USEC applied for a loan guarantee for the American Centrifuge plant project nearly a year ago. The Department of Energy's loan guarantee program is known for its prompt attention to the applications it receives, and I trust that the Department will make a determination on this long-pending application promptly.

I would appreciate your reviewing this issue and advising me of your findings. Please direct all correspondence to me at the following address:

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If you need additional information, please contact Martha Marrazza in my Rockville office at (301) 424-3501.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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The United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application submitted by the United States Enrichment Corporation, Inc. (USEC) for the American Centrifuge Plant.

I understand the Department of Energy has not yet reached a decision on USEC's application, and I was also told this delay has forced the company to consider potential layoffs.

While the American Centrifuge Plant is not located in my Congressional District, some USEC employees at USEC's manufacturing facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee are in fact constituents of mine.

I have been told USEC filed its application over eleven months ago, and since then USEC has provided DOE with weekly and quarterly progress reports. I am also aware that USEC has presented your staff with a timeline they feel is critical to keeping this project on track.

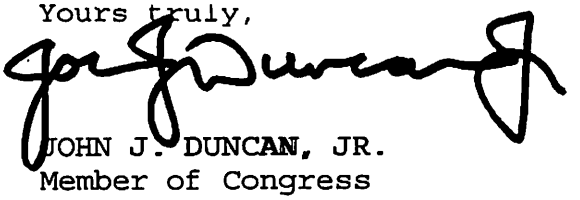
While I understand there has been some recent progress towards reaching a decision, I would like to encourage further discussions between DOE and USEC. It is my hope that a positive decision regarding USEC's application will prevent layoffs.

This is an important issue to both Kentucky and Tennessee, as Americans everywhere continue to face high unemployment and uncertainty about our economy.

Thank you in advance for your close consideration of USEC's loan guarantee application.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,



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July 24,2009

The I-Ionorable Steven Chu
U.S, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that ALTe, LLC in Bloomfield, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program Loan from the U.S. Department of Energy,

ALTe, LLC is an automotive supplier and manufacturer of automobile components and software to create Series Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle powertrains. The company's initial efforts are focused on advancing fuel efficiency and lowering emissions by converting used fleet vehicles to hybrid electric models, This loan will enable them to support their engineering and manufacturing activities.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies, like ALTe, LLC, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know ATLe, LLC is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

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July 24, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to request your consideration of loan guarantees under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The loans would finance construction of four new ethanol plants, located in the states we represent. It is our understanding that these projects are shovel-ready, but due to the current credit crisis, private sector financing appears unobtainable in the absence of a loan guarantee.

These plants would produce corn ethanol. We are told that they would utilize technologies that could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 50 percent or more, compared to petroleum. These systems would power the plants with woody biomass, which has been shown by Argonne National Laboratory to achieve emissions reductions of 52 percent compared to gasoline. A full description of the project is attached.

In Section 1703(a)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) "requires that projects employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued." This program was modified in Section 1705(a)(3) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, specifying "leading edge biofuel projects that will use technologies performing at the pilot or demonstration scale that the Secretary determines are likely to become commercial technologies and will produce transportation fuels that substantially reduce the life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions compared to other transportation fuels."

These eligibility restrictions on commercial scale projects for the LGP seem to prevent DOE from fully achieving its potential and purpose, which is to attain environmental targets, restore economic growth, and create new jobs. Federal programs intended to support financing of renewable energy production could benefit from considering all projects that provide energy, environmental, and economic benefits.

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We understand that corn ethanol plants are not being considered under Section 1703 of the Energy Policy Act, and that it is unclear whether they will be considered under Section 1705 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. We understand DOE's interest in promoting biofuels produced from alternative feedstocks; however, the technologies needed to move to second generation biofuel feedstocks are still years away, and it is important to accelerate efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our dependence on imported petroleum. Commercially viable projects could help balance the LGP portfolio, which is concentrated on higher-risk technologies with a greater chance of default.

We ask that you review the eligibility criteria for the Loan Guarantees Program and clarify whether the Department of Energy will consider renewable corn ethanol projects that utilize technologies that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions relative to petroleum.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.
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July 27, 2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing to express my strong support for the EcoMotors International loan applications through the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVM).

As you know, EcoMotors International currently has two loan requests pending with DOE, one of which proposes to use funds from the ATVM to integrate EcoMotors' opposed-piston-opposed cylinder (OPOC) engine with existing vehicle platforms like the Chevrolet Tahoe being used by Michigan State Police (MSP). Additionally, the second loan request would use funds to develop an existing site in Livonia, Michigan for the manufacturing of these innovative engines. According to EcoMotors, the OPOC engine, with 50% fewer parts, offers fuel economy savings in excess of 50% over state-of-the-art conventional diesel engines, and can be manufactured within the existing supply chain.

As ATVM was designed to encourage the manufacturing of advanced technology vehicles, this is precisely the type of project the Department of Energy should be supporting. Undoubtedly, Michigan has suffered during the auto industry restructuring process and the approval of these loans would create much needed jobs in my state.

I urge you to complete the review of this proposal in the most expeditious manner possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus G. McCotter
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy

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July 27,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, Southwest
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing regarding the loan application for ZAP Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky.

It is our understanding that ZAP executives met with members of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive program a few months ago and have done everything in their ability to provide the information that has been requested of them. Although they were not selected in the "first tranche" of funds that were recently released by the Department, we strongly stress the importance of this loan application for ZAP in the "second tranche" of loans.

This loan is vitally important to getting this facility online and getting people employed as quickly as possible. ZAP is looking to build their operation in Simpson County, Kentucky, which has been impacted by the economic downturn. This project has strong support from local and state officials, as it has the potential to bring online a fleet of energy efficient and environmentally friendly automobiles, while providing employment opportunities across several counties.

Based on our understanding of the DOE program, this particular application seems to be right on the mark in terms of the program's intent. We are concerned that if this loan isn't approved, we will lose an enormous opportunity to create new jobs quickly and generate significant economic activity. We thank you for your prompt and personal attention to this matter, and we request your favorable approval of this loan in the second tranche of loans.

Sincerely,

Jim Bunning
U.S. Senator

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July 28,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

It has been brought to my attention that Great Lakes Carbon Fiber in Rochester, Michigan has submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program DE-FOA-0000005.

Great Lakes Carbon Fiber will be implementing technology developed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory to manufacture low cost carbon fiber. They will use this loan to construct a plant in Southeast Michigan, using equipment from Harper International of Lancaster, NY, a company that I am proud to have in my district, for the commercial production of carbon fiber.

Great Lakes Carbon Fiber and Harper International are on the cutting edge of developing carbon fiber technology. The promotion of the infrastructure in this field has wide ranging benefits from energy security and green job creation, to the production of sustainable resources that will shape manufacturing in the 21" century. Their joint effort offers great potential that is critical to economic recovery in Michigan, New York and the entire country.

I extend my strong support of Great Lakes Carbon Fiber's initiative and respectfully request that it receive strong consideration for federal support.

Sincerely,

Chris Lee

CHRISTOPHER J. LEE
Member of Congress

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ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN
18TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

July 28,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing you on behalf of [redacted] a constituent of my Congressional district. [redacted] has presented energy conservation initiatives, regarding an energy conservation proposal which she has submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE).

As you may be aware, section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 establishes an incentive program consisting of both grants and direct loans to support the development of advanced technology vehicles and associated components in the United States. [redacted] has informed me that the proposed projects which would decrease fuel consumption, reduce pollution, and most importantly, save the taxpayers dollars. It is projects and innovations such as [redacted] that drive the advancements of tomorrow, not only protecting the environment, but our nation's economic future.

Again, I urge you to give full and fair consideration to this community-based and inspired project funding request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted].

Sincerely,

Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

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Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials

July 29, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Chu:

I have a number of very serious concerns regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) announcement regarding the loan guarantee application sought by the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) for the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio. DOE's announcement will lead to the loss of thousands of jobs in one of the most economically depressed areas of Ohio. Given the significant nature of DOE's decision, I am requesting that you respond to the following concerns.

DOE stated yesterday that it offered $45 million in research assistance to the company in exchange for withdrawing an application. Under what legal authority and under whose direction is DOE permitted to make available $45 million to a private company?

I would also like to know more about DOE's actions and the timeline of events pertaining to the independent analysis of USEC's application. I would like all information pertaining to the hiring of the outside consultant (Parson Consulting). It is particularly galling, as a taxpayer and Representative of Southern Ohio, that DOE made its decision on the loan application **before** this outside consultant had delivered its final product for DOE's review. As I understand, DOE made the decision to ask USEC to withdraw its application Monday night. Further, I understand the technical review was not given to your office until Tuesday morning.

Is it common for DOE to pay for an outside consultant and then make decisions before it ever receives the final product of the consultant's input? Is there any other precedence at DOE for such waste? Please provide me with all information pertaining to the hiring of Parsons, including the cost and when its final report was delivered to DOE.

Given the very serious economic and national security implication of DOE's decision concerning USEC's loan guarantee, please provide me with your response no later than noon, July 30, 2009.

If I do not hear from your office by then, I will be forced to offer a Motion of Inquiry before the House tomorrow afternoon to compel you to supply the information.

Sincerely,

Jean Schmidt
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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July 31, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our support for the full consideration of the loan guarantee application submitted to the Department of Energy by Tessera Solar for its Western Ranch utility-scale solar power plant in Texas using Stirling Energy Systems' SunCatcher Power System developed at Sandia National Laboratories.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included a temporary loan program for renewable energy projects that could provide up to $80 billion in federal loan guarantees that can be rapidly deployed. Congress provided this funding in order to create jobs, and encourage the deployment of emerging technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance our nation's energy security.

Texas is uniquely prepared to offer an American-led solution that meets these important objectives. Texas has a climate that allows such groundbreaking solar technologies to operate at optimum effectiveness, and is working to enact aggressive legislation to encourage the deployment of renewable energy. Tessera Solar's project will be located in rural west Texas and the construction of this solar power plant will create hundreds of new jobs at a time when they are desperately needed in these communities.

Technology for this project was developed through an effective collaboration involving Stirling Energy Systems and Tessera Solar, American automotive companies, and the Department of Energy. This project creates a unique partnership between a renewable energy company and automotive equipment manufacturers. It will serve as an example of how the clean energy sector is helping those industries hardest hit by the current economic downturn to advance in new, innovative directions.

This project represents the kind of pioneering work that is being developed in the field of renewable energy while also providing valuable economic development for the State of Texas. We strongly urge the Department of Energy to provide this project with the support that it requires.

Sincerely,

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July 31, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write once again to express my support for the application submitted by ZAP, Inc. for funding under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

I understand that ZAP, Inc. currently seeks funds to construct a new $84 million manufacturing facility in Franklin, Kentucky that will produce electric vehicles and new fuel-efficient transportation technologies. Although they were not selected for the first round of loan commitments announced by the Department, the company desires to be included in future rounds of funding.

According to the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet, ZAP's new North American manufacturing plant could create 4,000 new full-time jobs for residents of the Commonwealth. I hope you will realize the importance of such job creation to Kentucky and give fair consideration to the application.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

MITCH McCONNELL
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July 31, 2009

Ms. Betty Nolan
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Acting Secretary Nolan:

As you know, Congress has appropriated funds for $25 billion in loans to auto companies under the Section 136 Advanced Technologies Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program. The program helps companies to build higher mileage vehicles using new technology that improve efficiency. As the ranking member on the Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee, I have generally supported the goals of this program and wish to continue doing so.

I would like to evaluate the effectiveness of this Department of Energy program and the DOE's procedures and processes related to approval of the loans. I request a copy of the applications that resulted in loans to Ford Motor Company, Nissan Motors and Tesla Motors, along with any evaluation and analysis done by DOE or its contractors related to these applications and loan approvals. My request is for copies of the applications submitted, supplemental material provided by the companies to support the application, DOE's review or score sheets used as decision making tools for each loan, along with appropriately redacted information that is not considered proprietary. Please note that I do not seek proprietary information related to any application.

It would be helpful if I can get this information as soon as possible. Thank you.

If you have any questions, my staff contact for this request is Spencer Pederson. He may be reached at (202)-225-4540

Sincerely,

GEORGE RADANOVICH
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
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August 3, 2009

Ms. Sky Gallegos
Office of Congressional and
Intergovernmental Affairs
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Gallegos:

I have been contacted by Mr. Darius Seo of RealGreen Power, a start up company in Hawaii seeking to build and operate a wastewater-to-energy facility on the island of Maui. RealGreen has been working to obtain a $40 million Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee. They have received comments back from your department and have questions that they would like clarified.

First, they have concerns about the preliminary credit assessment required by the department. Are Fitch, S&P, and Moody's (all three of which were cited in the response they received) the only rating agencies that they can go through to get the required rating? If not, then what other agencies are acceptable to the department? Another concern for RealGreen is the cost of the credit assessment, which is cited as $100,000. As a startup company and capital constrained, RealGreen feels that it is a significant expense that will push them back from their goal.

Their next concern is the engineer's report. While the DOE said that they did not have a report carried out by an independent engineer, RealGreen says that one was submitted. They suggest the report must have been lost in the process. If the DOE does not have this report, they would be glad to send the document again via postal or electronic mail.

Finally, the environmental report provided by RealGreen to the DOE was deemed "inadequate." RealGreen feels that it has followed all of the instructions provided by the DOE, and would like the department to provide specifics into how the environmental report can be revised to receive DOE approval.

Mr. Seo and RealGreen would like to do all that they can to comply with DOE requirements in order,to secure a loan guarantee. I kindly ask for responses to their questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Neil Abercrombie

Neil Abercrombie
Member of Congress

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Advanced Technology Vehicles Incentive Program
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Letter of Support for Local Motors

Dear Mr. Seward,

I am writing to express my strong support of the application submitted by Local Motors to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program. Local Motors applied to the US Department of Energy for a loan under the Advanced Technology Manufacturing Incentive Program. The loan would be leveraged with the company's equity to support 3 facilities, two of which could be located in Avondale, Arizona.

This exciting new company holds the promise of combining the best of new media, local industry, and entrepreneurial creativity to create energy efficient cars that will be produced in the areas where they are sold. With the support of an ATVM loan, Local Motors will be able to realize its potential by purchasing equipment for three manufacturing facilities.

Local Motors has developed a truly innovative approach to car manufacturing that has the potential to create new jobs, reduce environmental damage, and revitalize economically depressed areas. Their groundbreaking model directs a competitive, on-line design process that uses local input to decide which vehicle will be produced in the local "micro-factory". The designs utilize lightweight materials and renewable energy sources that will reduce our nation's

dependence on foreign oil and cut pollution. And as their business grows, they plan to expand to over thirty locations across the country, creating jobs and renewing communities.

It is for these reasons that I strongly urge you to give the application by Local Motors your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

Raul M. Grijalva

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August 6, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Stephen Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Dr. Chu:

I am writing on behalf of EIG America, Inc. to express my strong support for EIG's application to the US Department of Energy's ATVM program (authorized by section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007) for funding to support the construction and operation of an advanced battery manufacturing facility in the City of Anderson, Indiana.

EIG America proposes to renovate an abandoned ex-GM plant in Anderson, directly employing at least 200 US workers, with a capacity of 460MWh of large format 30Ah lithium iron phosphate prismatic/pouch-style battery cells per year in two phases by 2012.

EIG's technology in battery chemistries and their resulting energy densities, combined with its ISO/TS certified manufacturing processes could provide increased demand for electrified transportation products that can benefit the US in several ways:

- Reducing US dependence of foreign oil,
- Reducing emissions of greenhouse gases from the domestic transportation fleet,
- Creating a significant number of jobs in advanced manufacturing,
- Reversing the flow of critical intellectual property and returning key IP to the US, and
- Enabling further market penetration of renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

EIG America has been working with the City of Anderson, as well as the Corporation for Economic Development on this advanced battery manufacturing facility for almost a year,

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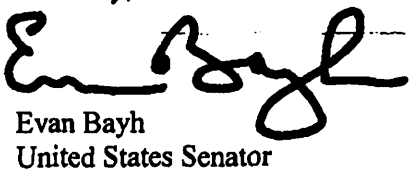
and are confident that this is not only good for Indiana and EIG, but also of great strategic benefit to the US.

I strongly support EIG's application and request that it receive your fullest attention.

Sincerely,



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August 6, 2009

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
Loan Guarantee Program Office
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-0121

Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

I write in support of the application submitted by the Heartland Refinery Group for financial assistance in the Loan Guarantee Program.

I understand that Heartland Refinery Group has built an18 million gallon used motor oil re-refinery in Columbus, Ohio. Heartland officials shared with me that because of its design and operating efficiencies, the plant can be reproduced in other similarly-sized metropolitan areas, as has been done at the Columbus location. In addition, the environmental impact of this re-refinery is significant. The plant reduces greenhouse gases by providing a valuable alternative to burning used motor oil by using the oil again and again. Further, the used motor oil is completely recycled with no waste.

Federal funding will help to increase affordable, reliable, secure, and clean sources of energy to power our nation. With the loan guarantee approval from this program, Heartland will be able to upgrade its Columbus plant with construction and operational improvements, and explore expanding a facility in California. This energy project will help reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources, boost economic competitiveness, and combat climate change. Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions please contact my grants coordinator, Linda Greenwood at (419) 259-3895. Thank you.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich

George V. Voinovich
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August 7,2009

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue., SW
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Secretary Chu:

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituents at FTCA Inc., located in Somerset County, Pennsylvania in my Congressional district. I recently received a letter from Mr. Aldus Chapin, the Chairman of FTCA requesting government assistance to retain and grow the FTCA workforce. I have included a copy of his correspondence for your review.

Like you, I am deeply concerned with the recovery of our nation's economy. As a part of those recovery efforts, I have received numerous inquiries from my constituents regarding opportunities for government assistance in these difficult times.

Please have an appropriate member of your staff contact Aldus H. Chapin, Chairman of FTCA, at [redacted] to discuss relevant grant opportunities and programs as well as any funding opportunities that might be available through stimulus funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you to move our nation forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Legislative Director, Stephen Martinko, at 202-225-2431, if I can be of additional assistance to you on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Shuster
Member of Congress

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August 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing on behalf of several Michigan companies that have contacted me in support of the loan guarantee applications submitted by Tessera Solar in Houston, Texas.

Tessera Solar is an independent power company that is developing, building and operating large solar power plants worldwide. These loans will enable them to build four utility-scale power plants using Stirling Energy Systems' SunCatcher Power System. The SunCatcher System will be manufactured in a one of a kind partnership between a renewable energy company and Tier 1 automotive equipment manufacturers, such as Michigan based companies Linamar Corporation, McLaren Performance Technologies and Tower Automotive.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy, We have the infrastructure and resources to produce renewable solar energy and I am pleased that Tessera Solar and its Michigan partners are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology, The greon jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Tessera Solar is very committed reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the production of alternative energy. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

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August 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

It was a pleasure to meet with you on August 7, 2009, to discuss issues of energy security and environmental stewardship. I write today to raise the case of Bright Automotive's pending application for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program, an application for which I wrote a letter of support to you on January 23, 2009.

As we discussed during our meeting, I am deeply concerned that Department of Energy actions to support energy advances too frequently have failed to meet our critical energy challenges with needed urgency and innovation. I was delighted to learn that you share this concern and are taking steps to remedy the situation. It appears that delay in approval on Bright Automotive's application for Section 136 loans is being caused by precisely the bureaucratic inertia that we discussed and which threatens to further weaken our nation's energy security.

I raise two specific concerns in regard to Bright Automotive's application:

First, Bright Automotive's application has met with significant delay. The application has been pending for the entirety of the Obama Administration, and Bright has invested large amounts of resources in answering the Department's requests for further information. Recently, the Credit Review Board delayed evaluation once again. I appreciate that the talented staff of the Department of Energy are under tremendous pressure, however, this delay should be unacceptable in an area at the heart of the President's agenda.

Automotive innovation can help give new economic life to communities that struggle as the auto industry ails. Bright Automotive has made the City of Anderson its home, yet we cannot expect that companies will wait indefinitely for the Department of Energy to act.

Second, I am concerned that the evaluation criteria being used for Bright Automotive's application may not be suitably calibrated to support new entrepreneurial

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companies at the cutting edge of innovation. Bright Automotive, with its extraordinarily experienced team, has developed a new concept of vehicle from the ground up, using lightweight materials to build a new platform that will reduce battery needs and boost mileage, cutting both liquid fuel needs and carbon emissions. Such innovation should be rewarded, not penalized. Several companies with large vehicle fleets have already indicated their intent to purchase Bright Automotive vehicles, and the Bright Automotive team has already secured $65 million in financing.

I strongly agree with the President and Vice President that innovation in auto efficiency and alternative fuels is vital for to bolstering our national security by reducing dependence on foreign oil. Bright Automotive alone will not solve our nation's energy crisis, but it has the potential to make a strong contribution – a contribution designed and built in the United States.

I urge you to review Bright Automotive's application and ensure that department officials appropriately and fairly evaluate this entrepreneurial company in a timely manner. I strongly support the application of this Indiana-based, innovative company, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.,
Vice President of the United States

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CHARLES E. SCHUMER
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United States Senate

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August 18,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am pleased to write in support of Great Lakes Carbon Fiber's application for the U.S Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program DE-FOA-0000005. A federal loan guarantee will enable Great Lakes Carbon Fiber to construct a carbon fiber manufacturing facility using equipment designed and built by Harper International, a company located in Lancaster, New York.

Great Lakes Carbon Fiber and Harper International are continuing to advance carbon fiber technology, and this loan will allow for the construction of a plant in southeast Michigan. Together, these companies will develop a technology that will create the green jobs of the future that both Michigan and New York need during through these trying economic times. I hope the application for funding meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Grant Kerr, in my Washington office at 202.224.6542.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 24,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

As the Department of Energy considers applications for the Loan Guarantee Program as funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (DE-FOA-0000140), I would like to bring to your attention the proposal submitted by the Heartland Refinery Group.

The Heartland Refinery Group, located in Columbus, Ohio, has developed an eighteen million gallon used motor oil re-refinery. It is my understanding that the organization is taking significant steps to develop and install cutting edge technologies to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy requirements, and curtail carbon emissions. Heartland has stated that if awarded a loan guarantee, it intends to update the existing operations in the Columbus headquarters, while exploring the possibility to expand operations.

Ohio is well positioned to lead the country in creating and expanding the green manufacturing and renewable energy sectors. We have made significant investments in alternative energy, and have proven that Ohio's workforce is second to none in developing and adapting the skill sets necessary for the green manufacturing industry. With the strong leadership of the Heartland Refinery Group, it is my hope that the economic incentives afforded by the initiative will benefit Ohioans for many generations to come.

The Heartland Refinery Group has stated that the existing plant is already reducing greenhouse gasses by recycling used motor oil, removing 15 million gallons of oil annually. It is my understanding that thirty new jobs have been created in Columbus and the company prides itself on using local manufactured materials and equipment. As the Department of Energy reviews the application, I am confident you will find that the objectives of The Heartland Refinery Group's application are closely aligned with the goals of the Department of Energy's revised Loan Guarantee Program.

I respectfully request that the Department of Energy give serious consideration to Heartland Refinery Group's application. I ask that you keep my office informed on the status of this application.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Cc: Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Officer, Loan Guarantee Program Office.

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August 27,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write to request that you give serious consideration to the request submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program for Projects that Employ Innovative Renewable Energy – DE-FOA-000140- by Tessera Solar for their Plaster City, California solar plant.

Tessera Solar's Plaster City proposal will bring jobs and new investment to one of the most economically depressed parts of California. The construction and operation of these facilities will create an estimated 300 to 700 construction jobs as well as 160 high paying permanent jobs in the Imperial Valley. Though substantial in any area, this job growth is particularly important in Imperial County where unemployment has eclipsed 30 percent.

Furthermore, the proposed Plaster City project will be developed on lands that have been previously disturbed and are less environmentally sensitive than many of the other solar generation proposals in California. It is also one of only three solar projects proposed on federal land in California that is currently undergoing formal environmental **review under ~~the National~~ ~~Environmental~~** Policy Act (NEPA).

Again, I urge your strong consideration of their request and look forward to being updated on its progress. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Devin Rhinerson of my Washington, D.C., staff at (202) 224-3841.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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August 28,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of the application by Heartland Refinery Group in response to the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program solicitation.

Heartland Refinery Group has constructed an eighteen million gallon used motor oil processing facility in my Central Ohio district. The patented recycling process implemented by Heartland will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and will have a positive environmental impact on the community by allowing used motor oil to be recycled time and time again with no waste. Heartland informs me that the facility will remove fifteen million gallons of used motor from the waste stream annually.

In addition, the process will decrease our dependence on foreign oil and create good jobs for Central Ohioans. Since the facility can easily be replicated, I also believe this facility stands to benefit other communities outside of Central Ohio by serving as a model for future locations.

The Heartland Refinery Group facility stands to help our country meet our future energy ~~needs. I hope you will give the application by Heartland Refinery Group~~ all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Tiberi
Representative to Congress

CC: Steve Isakowitz, Chief Financial Official, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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September 1,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As the Department of Energy considers applications for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program, I would like to bring to your attention a proposal submitted by Behr America, Inc.

Behr Thermal Products, located in Dayton, Ohio, is the company's largest manufacturing facility. The company produces and assembles components used for air conditioning and engine cooling systems. Behr has stated that it supplies some of the largest automobile manufacturers in the United States which include: Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler.

Behr has stated that it intends to produce advanced battery technologies in Dayton. As a result, the company estimates that 70 new jobs would be created, if awarded funding. It is my hope that the project will not only bring immediate jobs to the Dayton region, but will also support the innovative growth of advanced vehicle technology in Ohio and the nation.

Recent layoffs and plant closings in the automotive industry have posed enormous challenges to the Southwest Ohio region. With the July unemployment rate reaching 12.5% percent in Montgomery County, it is my hope that investments in advanced vehicle technologies will not only spur economic development and job creation in the Dayton region and state of Ohio, but will help struggling auto companies throughout the entire United States.

I respectfully request that the Department of Energy give careful consideration to Behr America's application; I ask that you keep my office informed on the status of this application.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Cc: Dr. Edward Montgomery

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September 3, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

It has recently come to my attention that the Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a proposed rule that would change the existing regulations which govern the Title XVII loan guarantee program (DOE Docket ID: DOE-2007-0002-0052 "Loan Guarantees for Projects That Employ Innovative Technologies", published August 7, 2009). Several groups have raised concerns that the thirty (30) day comment period does not provide them enough time to garner the necessary expertise and analysis to make substantive comments on these proposed changes. In a continued effort to make the federal agency process more open and transparent, I respectfully request that DOE extend the comment period for an additional sixty (60) days.

Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program is a complex and highly technical program that requires a significant understanding of both energy development and the lending process. Moreover, because the federal government plays a significant role as the guarantor of these loans it is exposed to a significant amount of risk. Given these considerations, I believe it is in our best interest to extend the comment period so that all the interested parties will have a full and complete opportunity to provide analysis of the proposed changes.

Providing an additional sixty (60) days for comment would provide any interested parties with enough time to prepare analysis and give substantive comments on DOE's suggested changes. I appreciate your full consideration of this request and look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill
United States Senator

cc: David G. Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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September 4,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
The Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Chu,

Thank you for your work to use funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AKKA) of 2009 to promote renewable energy and innovative energy technology deployment in the United States. I share your commitment to utilizing A R M funds to promote renewable energy through shovel ready projects. With this goal in mind, I urge you to allow AKRA funding for the Department's Loan Guarantee Program to be open to renewable energy generation projects that utilize commercially available technologies.

The Department of Energy (DOE) issued a solicitation for loan guarantees using fiscal year 2009 appropriations on July 29, 2009. The program requires that all projects "employ a new or significantly improved tcchnology." However, the Department has yet to announce a solicitation for the funding made available in Section 406 of ARRA.

It is critical that we invest in making new and existing technologies commercially viable. I-lowever, I am hearing from my constituents that renewable energy projects that involve existing technologies would be ready immediately to take advantage of the Loan Guarantee program.

If A R M funds are made available to all projects, regardless of whether or not they have been commercialized elsewhere, more renewable energy generation projects will be able to begin construction, providing cleaner, more affordable energy. 'I'his will help accomplish the central goal of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: to put Americans to work immediately on projects that will support our long-term security and prosperity.

I hope you will consider the importance of all rcnewablc energy projects in deploying ARRA Loan Guarantee funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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September 8, 2009

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to respectfully request that the Department of Energy (the Department) use, to the fullest extent practicable, the Federal Financing Bank (the FFB) to fund loan instruments fully guaranteed under the Department's loan-guarantee program authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). As you know, this program was first authorized under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 but amended by ARRA (which added section 1705) to help finance and more rapidly deploy projects using technologies already commercially viable. I was a strong supporter of this provision in the stimulus legislation and believe the administration should take all steps available to expedite commencement and completion of these projects, including steps that will lower borrowing costs for program applicants.

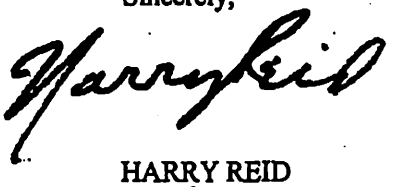
It has been brought to my attention that even though rules implementing title XVII expressly provide that the FFB should be used to fund an obligation backed by a full guarantee from the Department, the Department will require fully guaranteed portions of section-1705 loans to be funded by commercial lenders. Specifically, DOE may arbitrarily "stable" together the guaranteed and un-guaranteed potions of the Section 1705 project loans in order to create a partially guaranteed instrument that would not qualify for FFB funding. Congress intended to provide significant support to qualifying projects by offering guaranteed financing, and the FFB was established specifically to fund government-guaranteed instruments. Moreover, FFB funding creates no increased risk or cost to taxpayers.

The savings in financing costs brought by using the FFB would be significant. The current-market interest rates and fees associated with the private placement of government-guaranteed loans would impose a substantially greater burden on projects than would be seen if those instruments were placed with the FFB. For example, industry experts expect that the FFB would charge approximately 0.25% to 0.50% over the relevant Treasury rate, amounting to a savings of approximately 1.50% on 80% of each project's financing amount as compared to private financing costs. If the total size of this program were $60 billion, then the annual savings would be $650 million each year. Consequently, I worry the purpose of the section-1705 program—encouraging the rapid development and success of renewable projects—would be undermined by closing the FFB to guaranteed instruments.

I share your goals of modernizing our nation's energy-producing infrastructure and quickly creating jobs for the new economy. By lowering borrowing costs for eligible projects through use of the FFB, I am confident we will reach those goals sooner. I look forward to your response.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Lachlan Seward
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my conditional support of the application submitted by Local Motors to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program.

My longstanding policy is to treat fairly all Arizona organizations applying for federal programs, and I feel it is important not to endorse one organization over another if they are competing for the same funding resource. Therefore, my support is contingent upon this stipulation.

Again, please accept this as my conditional support for Local Motors. The proposal is of considerable merit deserving your consideration within existing rules, regulations, and ethical guidelines.

Sincerely,

John McCain

John McCain
United States Senator

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September 9, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U. S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Recently, I met with Delaware Governor Jack Markell and representatives from Fisker Automotive to explore the possibility of utilizing the recently closed General Motors Boxwood Plant in Wilmington, Delaware to manufacture the Fisker Automotive KX prototype vehicle.

This prototype vehicle has an onboard charger that recharges the electric motor and can deliver up to 100 mpg, of which the first 50 miles would be all electric. This is an important feature since the average workers commute is less than this distance. Fisker has already established relationships with 45 dealerships in the U.S. and is working to identify a plant where they could manufacture and assemble this vehicle. In addition to manufacturing this vehicle in Delaware and creating thousands of jobs, thousands of additional jobs could be created locally as a result of various suppliers and other businesses relocating to the area. All of these new jobs would significantly help an area that has been severely impacted by recent job reductions with the closing of two automobile assembly plants within the past year.

Furthermore, it is my understanding Fisker Automotive has a request submitted to the Department of Energy for a $500 million loan to help facilitate its effort to begin manufacturing this vehicle. Funds from this loan could help Fisker begin renovations on upgrading infrastructure at the GM Boxwood Plant so they could move forward on a 29-month development schedule that could lead to manufacturing the first vehicle by April 2012. While this is a very aggressive schedule, Fisker first needs to hear from your agency on its loan request.

If appropriate, I am asking your agency to give the Fisker Automotive loan request careful consideration and share a decision with them by September 14. It is my understanding this is a date that the Department of Energy previously indicated a decision would be made. If approved, Fisker would need to begin drawing immediately on approximately $50 million of these funds to keep its aggressive schedule on target.

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I, along with Governor Markell and Senator's Tom Carper and Ted Kaufman believe Fisker Automotive's proposal has great merit and potential to reinvigorate the automotive industry in America and Delaware. Thank you very much in advance for you consideration of this request. If you need to follow up with me more, please feel free to contact me directly or my State Director, Jeff Dayton at 302-428-1902.

Sincerely,

Mike Castle

Michael N. Castle
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Jack A. Markell, Governor, State of Delaware
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Lachlan Seward
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary and Mr. Seward:

I write in support of Enova Systems, Inc.'s financing application for the production of qualifying components of advanced technology vehicles.

The U.S. Department of Energy's statutory authority under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 establishes an incentive program consisting of both grants and direct loans to support the development of advanced technology light duty vehicles and associated components in the United States.

Enova has broad experience converting light duty vehicles to hybrid and pure electric drive systems. I believe that providing funding to Enova Systems, Inc. would be a positive additional step in building upon the Department of Energy's overarching mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States and to promote scientific and technological innovation in support of that mission.

I hope you will give the company's application your strong consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Jane Harman

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September 10, 2009

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

I am writing to request copies of a report that I understand is currently in your office's possession.

The Department of Energy contracted with a third party consulting firm to assess the viability of technology used at the American Centrifuge Project. Press reports indicate the consulting firm preparing the report is Worley Parsons. I am requesting copies of both interim and final versions of the report compiled by Worley Parsons. It is my understanding that there may well be multiple versions of the interim report and a final report may or may not be completed at this time. If this is the case, I would like copies of each of the interim reports that exist immediately and would like a copy of the final report when it is completed.

I would very much appreciate your attention to this request. I know that your duties keep you very busy, but this matter is extremely important to the men and women I represent.

Sincerely,

Jean Schmidt
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September 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of Tessera Solar, which has submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program under solicitation number DE-FOA-0000140.

Tessera Solar plans to build four utility-scale solar power plants in California, Texas, and Arizona using Stirling Energy Systems' SunCatcher Power System which was developed at Sandia National Laboratories. Stirling Energy Systems is partnering with Michigan-based automotive equipment manufacturers Linamar Corporation, McLaren Performance Technologies, and Tower Automotive to build the SunCatcher Power System. This unique partnership will demonstrate the vast potential for effective collaboration between renewable energy companies and the automotive supplier industry.

With Michigan's highly skilled workforce at their disposal, companies like Tessera Solar are well-positioned to lead the way in our nation's transition to a low-carbon economy. This project would also create much needed jobs in Michigan, helping to fulfill one of the main goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. According to Tessera, when production volume reaches its peak in 2010, these projects would create 4,000 new manufacturing jobs across the automotive supply chain.

Tessera and its Michigan partners are poised to help revitalize America's manufacturing base and lead in the creation of a viable, cost-competitive solar power industry. I hope you will give Tessera Solar due consideration as you work to distribute these funds in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our full support for a Department of Energy loan guarantee application that is being submitted by Hoku Materials, Inc., which is in the process of constructing a 4,000 metric ton per year polysilicon manufacturing facility in Pocatello, Idaho, to be used in the manufacturing process of photovoltaic cells. In addition to providing a much needed boost to our fledgling renewable energy industry, this project enjoys strong local support from the City of Pocatello, will employ 200 full time employees when fully operational, and will play a significant role in Idaho's economic future. It is our hope that you will give this timely application a thorough and prompt review.

To date, Hoku has made significant progress: it has recruited a strong team with a proven ability to execute polysilicon projects, ordered and has begun to receive long-lead-time equipment, secured all EPC and major commercial contracts, secured a plant site, received construction, state and local permits, constructing to schedule, acquired key team members and has completed its detailed planning for operations. Furthermore, Hoku has made rapid progress through parallel execution of engineering, equipment procurement, construction execution and management and operational ramp up while deploying significant changes and improvements.

Given the current volatile nature of our economy, and the availability of credit, ultimate success is contingent on securing a loan guarantee within

the next six to nine months. Due to the significant progress already made on the production facility, an expeditious approval of Hoku's loan guarantee application could have the effect of creating green jobs almost instantaneously.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We greatly appreciate your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of Deepwater Wind in their application to the Department of Energy for the Federal Loan Guarantee Program. Deepwater will use this funding for two offshore wind farms in Rhode Island as part of its "Rhode Island Offshore Wind Program", which includes the Block Island Wind Farm and the Rhode Island Wind Farm.

It is of the utmost importance to develop and promote alternative energy sources. This project spearheaded by Deepwater Wind is a fine example of a clean, renewable energy source that can go a long way in helping meet Rhode Island's energy needs.

In accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, I ask that you give the highest consideration to the application of Deepwater Wind. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Kennedy

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application submitted by East Coast Ethanol (ECE) to construct four new ethanol plants in the Southeast. These plants would produce corn ethanol and utilize woody biomass technologies that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by up to 50 percent or more, compared to petroleum. The GHG emissions reductions achieved by ECE would also be significantly better than ethanol produced from plants powered by natural gas or coal.

The ECE plants will be located in Jesup, GA, Chester, SC, Seabord, NC, and Campbellton, FL. These projects are shovel-ready and will create 6,500 jobs, provide an estimated $800 million Regional Gross Output, and 5 million tons in annual biomass demand.

Unlike existing ethanol production, ECE will use woody biomass to offset energy costs for the plants, making them greener and achieving GHG emissions reductions that are significantly better than gasoline and significantly better than existing ethanol production using natural gas or coal. Using woody biomass for power is a technology that is not currently being applied to ethanol production in this country.

To meet RFS requirements more corn ethanol production must come on line. ECE projects are the cleanest and most cost effective way to help achieve the RFS goals. Without local production, the 2 billion gallon market for ethanol in the Southeast will be met by ethanol "imported" from the Midwest, which costs more than if produced locally. It is vital that the Southeast seize the opportunity to share the value-added benefits of ethanol production, including job creation and increased economic activity.

I hope DOE will support biofuels produced from existing, commercially viable renewable feedstocks. As you know, the technologies needed to move to second generation biofuel feedstocks are still years away, and it is important to accelerate efforts to reduce GHG emissions and our dependence on imported petroleum.

Again, I want to express my strong support for the loan guarantee application submitted by ECE, and I hope you will show it every consideration. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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September 16, 2009

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

I am in receipt of your letter dated September 2, 2009.

Your letter indicates that the Department will delay review of the United States Enrichment Corporation's (USEC) loan guarantee application "until a series of specific technology and financial milestones have been met." You further state that these milestones "have been conveyed to USEC." I respectfully request a copy of the document(s) sent to USEC conveying these technology and financial milestones.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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September 16,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

On August 12,2009 Carbon Motors Corporation submitted an application under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program. I am writing to you today in strong support of that application.

Along with significant improvements for law enforcement around the country, the production of Carbon Motor's E7 law enforcement vehicle represents an important opportunity for increased energy efficiency and job creation. The law enforcement vehicles that patrol our country represent one of the largest government fleets in the country with significant fuel consumption and CO_2 emissions. According to Carbon Motors, the E7 will reduce the overall emissions of this fleet by up to 40%.

Carbon Motors also contends that the project is expected to create 10,000 new direct and indirect American jobs and will have a $3 billion positive economic impact in the region. To this end, Carbon Motors has already taken 11,000 orders for the E7 with many more expected soon.

The Carbon E7 will be produced in Connersville, Indiana. This is a region that is currently experiencing a 16% unemployment rate. The site selected in Connersville is a shuttered brownfield automotive facility. Carbon has a goal of reaching a LEED-EB certification for the site.

It is my understanding that the Department of Energy has set an internal target of four months from application to funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program. In order for Carbon Motors to achieve these goals and realize these jobs in Indiana, timing is of the essence. I hope that you will be able to give Carbon Motors' application the consideration it deserves within this time frame.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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September 16, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: Loan Guarantee Solicitation- DE-FOA-0000140
Taylor Biomass Energy, LLC Application

Dear Secretary Chu:

It is with great pleasure that I write to convey my strongest support for the application submitted by *Taylor Biomass Energy, LLC* under the Department of Energy's recent loan guarantee solicitation for new or significantly improved technologies. *Taylor Biomass Energy* is proposing to construct the first commercial scale biomass gasification facility in the nation that utilizes municipal solid waste (MSW) to produce electricity. I am personally familiar with this proposal and the current recycling operations at this company's site in Montgomery, New York, and I believe this biomass gasification project would offer very significant environmental and economic benefits to the Hudson Valley region and New York State.

Taylor Biomass Energy is seeking loan guarantees to support its efforts to commercialize for the first time its innovative biomass technology. While this technology has been successfully piloted, its commercial application will only be feasible with the assistance of loan guarantees from the Department of Energy. This project is consistent with and supports federal and state energy policies that promote the development of innovative energy technologies, increase renewable electricity generation, and avoid greenhouse gas emissions. This project will create 24 MW of new renewable electricity generation capacity while diverting more than 200,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually, thereby reducing greenhouse emissions relating to the long distance transportation and disposal of these wastes at landfills.

This project will also bolster the objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by preserving and creating well-paying jobs, promoting local and state fiscal stabilization, and accelerating the development of a cutting edge biomass technology that could be replicated in other areas of our country. The construction of the biomass gasification facility would create at least 300 construction jobs while also retaining 30 current jobs and adding 65 new full-time positions. Further, the facility would help to increase the revenues of the Town of Montgomery, County of Orange, and State of New York State through the project's direct and indirect economic impacts.

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This project enjoys broad and enthusiastic support from local and area elected leaders and the host community. *Taylor Biomass Energy* has previously received funding for this project through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and has worked diligently with local and state agencies to move forward this important initiative. *Taylor*'s current construction and demolition debris recycling operations demonstrate the company's impressive vision, capable management, and longtime commitment to environmental sustainability. This project represents one of the most important energy and economic development projects in the Congressional District that I represent and in upstate New York, which has suffered very serious economic distress during the recent recession.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the loan guarantee application submitted by *Taylor Biomass Energy*. I would be delighted to speak with you or your staff at your convenience if you have any questions on the project or if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Maurice D. Hinchey

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September 18, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary:

I am pleased to write in support of the application submitted by Taylor Biomass Energy for funding under the *Loan Guarantee Program.* Such funding will enable Taylor Biomass to bring its biomass technology to market.

Established in 1956, Taylor Biomass Energy is located in the Town of Montgomery in Orange County, New York. Taylor Biomass specializes in recycling technologies, becoming New York State's first DEC-approved recycling facility and custom-designing recycling facilities for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Taylor's biomass capturing technology converts biomass from waste into energy, efficiently capturing this energy while producing less waste than other systems. Taylor is currently seeking a loan guarantee to support its efforts to commercialize this innovative biomass technology system.

With funding, Taylor Biomass Energy will be able to design and build a biomass gasification plant. Taylor Biomass has successfully piloted its technology, but its commercial application will be feasible with the assistance of this loan guarantee from the Department of Energy. This project will promote the development of innovative energy technologies, increase renewable electricity generation, and avoid greenhouse gas emissions. I applaud Taylor Biomass Energy for its foresight, and I hope the application for funding meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Grant Kerr, in my Washington office at 202.224.6542.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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September 18, 2009

Director
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Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing today to express my support for Taylor Biomass Energy, LLC, and its application for the DOE Loan Guarantee Program. The loan would total $80 million, and the funds would be used to design and build a 24MW gasification plant located in the town of Montgomery, NY.

Taylor Biomass is a company with the potential to produce a viable alternative source of energy to the standard fossil fuels our nation has used for so long. However, they need financial assistance to build their first unit, which will enable them to then demonstrate a commercially viable facility using TBE's technology. Once established, Taylor Biomass expects to be competitive with conventional technology companies.

Taylor Biomass has received funding on two separate occasions from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. TBE was awarded $100,000 grant for their proposal "Debris-Derived Biomass Pyrolysis to Produce Renewable Electric Power," as well as a $200,000 grant for their proposal entitled "Pre-Development of Montgomery Site for Biomass Energy Generation."

~~With the help of these two awards~~, TBE was able to successfully design and implement a gasification process, ultimately yielding a medium BTU gas which could fulfill a wide variety of energy needs. If awarded a U.S. DOE Loan Guarantee, TBE will move forward with their plan to construct and operate a renewable energy facility in Montgomery, NY.

As a supporter of alternative energy, I hope that you will strongly consider the application of Taylor Biomass Energy, LLC. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John Hall
Member of Congress

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September 21, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Loan Guarantee Program solicitation DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to you today to call your attention to an application for a Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program solicitation from the Northwest Florida Renewable Energy Center (NWFREC). The NWFREC is seeking support to build a state of the art biomass power plant in north Florida. This facility will be built in the City of Port St. Joe which is located of the 2nd district of Florida that I represent.

Once up and running, the biomass plant will reduce the carbon footprint of Gulf County by displacing fossil fuel power generation with a carbon neutral plant. NWFREC already has a contract with Progress Energy of Florida and is more than shovel ready to begin construction and operations. It will bring much needed employment to the area and is expected to create 200 construction jobs and 75 permanent jobs once it is in operation. Furthermore, I have been impressed with the strong local government support that NWFREC has received in planning this project.

Sustainable forestry has been practiced in Gulf County and Port St. Joe for over 100 years as it was home to the St. Joe Paper Mill for 60 years. Recently, Arizona Chemical Company, a maker of products from paper mill residues, closed permanently, displacing approximately 80 workers. Gulf County's industrial base is not only available, but understands the importance of the forest products industry.

Additionally, the NWFREC epitomizes the goals set by the President and the ARRA. The site in Gulf County is a former coal unloading facility, and brings full circle the cycle the Department is trying to highlight in transitioning the country's dependence on fossil fuels to green fuels.

I appreciate your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Allen Boyd

Allen Boyd
Member of Congress

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September 22,2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
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RE: Landrieu Project No. 999909
Always refer to the Landrieu Project No. when communicating with this office.

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of Louisiana Green Fuels Group (LGFG) located in Lacassine, Louisiana which has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Loan Guarantee Program.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you of my support for LGFG's efforts to establish one of the first advanced biofuels refineries in the nation, contributing to the nation's goals of cutting greenhouse gas emissions and reducing our dependency on foreign oil. This project will create or retain 1,019 jobs and stimulate economic development and private enterprise throughout Louisiana.

The construction of this 22.5 million gallon per year biofuels facility alongside LGFG's existing Lacassine sugarcane mill will increase cane and sweet sorghum feedstock production beyond the company's existing 16,000 acres. Immediate impacts from the project include $48 million in construction spending, 466 full-time direct jobs and 533 indirect jobs. I believe you will find the application to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review.

In closing, I ask for any information that you may now provide on this matter and look forward to hexing from you about the final decision.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary L. Landrieu

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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September 22, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am contacting you regarding the Louisiana Green Fuels Group (LGFG) and ask that you review LGFG's proposal to establish an advanced biofuels refinery in Lacassine, Louisiana. This effort has the potential to increase renewable energy production, provide energy alternatives in the Southeast, and decrease our nation's dependence on foreign oil.

LGFG is applying for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy to construct a 22.5 million gallon per year biofuels facility alongside its existing sugarcane mill in Lacassine and increase feedstock production beyond the company's existing 16,000 acres. Lacassine is located within trucking distance of two major refineries, and the proposed integrated biofuels facility can help meet the demands of the Southeast's growing ethanol market and national Renewable Fuel Standard targets.

It is my understanding that LGFG has acquired proven cutting-edge distillery equipment and technology not now in commercial application domestically, secured all required permits for construction, selected a construction company, completed all necessary site work, and has negotiated product off-take agreements – making the project "shovel-ready."

LGFG's project promotes economic recovery by creating jobs and preserving farming, transportation and other jobs directly and indirectly impacted by the project, while investing in environmental protection and infrastructure to provide long-term economic benefits. I've been told construction could begin as early as July 2010 and will result in more than $48 million in construction spending and create or retain 1,019 jobs in the region.

I ask that every proper consideration be provided to LGFG's proposal. I support regional efforts to promote alternative energy production in Southwest Louisiana and look forward to working with you in the future to help achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Boustany, Jr., M.D.
Member of Congress

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September 22,2009

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20585

Dear Assistant Secretary Nolan:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act submitted to the Department of Energy by Tessera Solar.

As you and your staff review the proposal, I trust you will give full consideration to the many strengths of this application. As you know, Tessera Solar, in partnership with Stirling Energy Systems, American automotive companies and the Department of Energy has developed a proposal to construct a utility-scale solar power plant. The project will be located in rural West Texas and the construction of the plant will create hundreds of new jobs in surrounding communities. As you can see, a loan guarantee award will promote the deployment of renewable energy technologies and spur job growth.
I would appreciate your efforts to ensure that I am kept informed as to the progress of this application. Please contact Andrew Blaylock, my Grants Coordinator, with any developments regarding this proposal as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration.

Sincerely,

John Cornyn

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of the loan guarantee application submitted by East Coast Ethanol (ECE) to construct four new ethanol plants in the southeastern United States, including one in my home state of North Carolina.

As you know, the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) has provided a powerful incentive for the construction of new biorefineries. The facilities that ECE is proposing to build will use woody biomass to offset energy costs, making them greener and achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions that are significantly better than gasoline and existing ethanol plant production.

In addition, the ECE plants will support local production brining thousands of jobs and reducing the costs and emissions associated with "imported" ethanol that must be shipped in from the Midwest. It is vital that the southeastern United States seize the opportunity to share the value-added benefits of ethanol production, including job creation and increased economic activity.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Mike McIntyre
Member of Congress

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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our support for the application recently filed by FuelCell Energy in response to the Department of Energy's (DoE) Loan Guarantee Solicitation for Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies.

By generating power using a variety of fuels including renewable wastewater gas, biogas, natural gas and other hydrocarbon fuels, we believe that FuelCell Energy's fuel cells will make a significant, positive contribution to our nation's effort to generate energy cleanly and efficiently. As you may know, stationary fuel cells have been key to achieving our renewable energy production goals in Connecticut, and we believe FuelCell Energy is well positioned to carry those benefits forward nationally. This application supports a 45-megawatt project of environmentally-friendly, highly efficient, reliable power at eight installations across the State.

The proposed project has already undergone a three-year competitive review by multiple Connecticut State agencies, including the local utility company, economic development authority, and our state's Clean Energy Fund. Federal loan guarantee support would significantly aid FuelCell Energy's already impressive progress and could help ensure the deployment of a very promising clean energy technology that will help our country break its addiction to foreign fuels while creating new clean energy jobs.

Thank you for your consideration of FuelCell Energy's application. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact David Kronig in Senator Dodd's office at (202) 224-2823 or Danielle Rosengarten in Senator Lieberman's office at (202) 224-5016.

Sincerely,

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September 25, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am concerned with how the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is implementing eligibility requirements for cellulosic biofuel companies seeking assistance through the Innovative Technologies Loan Guarantee Program under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. It is essential that DOE properly implement this program according to Congressional intent to encourage emerging cellulosic biofuel technologies and move the technologies toward commercialization as quickly and responsibly as possible.

One emerging issue is whether companies are eligible for DOE loan guarantees under Title XVII if the company received an earlier federal grant for the same project. In the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009, Congress made its intent clear when it included language that made projects initiated prior to May 1, 2009, eligible for the loan guarantee program. Despite this unambiguous directive, I understand that DOE may be using acceptance of a federal grant as a disqualifying factor when selecting loan guarantee recipients. In particular, Abengoa Bioenergy, which is planning to build one of the nation's first commercial cellulosic ethanol plants in the nation near Hugoton, Kansas, was informed by DOE staff that it may be ineligible to receive a loan guarantee because it received a $76 million grant in February of 2007. While Abengoa's application must stand on its own merits, it should not be denied based on criteria Congress specifically made eligible under the program.

I am also troubled to hear that DOE is judging applications that use emerging U.S. technologies by the same criteria it uses to judge applications that employ mature technology or technology that has been perfected in other countries. Congress authorized the loan guarantee program to mitigate the technology risk companies experience as they work to perfect the technology. The very name of the Innovative Technologies program suggests that many of the technologies will be novel in nature. Projects should not be rejected simply for lack of commercial demonstrations. For instance, if no commercial cellulosic plant exists in the U.S., it would be unreasonable for DOE to require a loan guarantee applicant to demonstrate prior commercial operation of its cellulosic process. Continuing to operate the program in this manner will undermine the intent of the program and prevent the construction of biomass facilities in the U.S.

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Especially in today's difficult financial climate, DOE should assist and not encumber companies that are trying to commercialize new and unproven technology. In developing eligibility criteria for its loan guarantee program, DOE should apply common sense principles that will not exclude viable new technologies from participation.

Thank you for considering my concerns and I look forward to working with you to ensure successful implementation of this program.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Moran

Jerry Moran

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September 25, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that United Solar Ovonic, LLC is applying for a Loan Guarantee under DE-FOA-0000140 from the U.S. Department of Energy.

United Solar is a Michigan company with a long history of innovation and successful commercialization of environmentally beneficial technologies. The company is committed to reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources by producing more efficient solar equipment quickly and at a lower cast. This loan will enable them to implement an innovative high technology manufacturing technique.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce alternative energy and I am pleased that Michigan companies, like United Solar, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know United Solar Ovonic is very committed to producing high quality solar products. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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September 28, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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RE: Loan Guarantee Program solicitation DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to you today to call your attention to an application for a Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program solicitation submitted by East Coast Ethanol (ECE) to construct four new ethanol plants in the Southeast.

The ECE plants will be located in around the Southeast, including Campbellton, FL, which is located in the 2nd Congressional district of Florida that I represent. Overall, these shovel-ready projects will create 6,500 jobs, provide an estimated $800 million Regional Gross Output, and 5 million tons in annual biomass demand. In my district alone, the impact of this project is expected to be over 400 construction jobs and 112 permanent jobs once the project is complete. This will provide an important economic boost to the rural north Florida economy.

Unlike existing ethanol production, ECE will use woody biomass to offset energy costs for the plants, making them greener and achieving GHG emissions reductions that are up to 50 percent better than gasoline and significantly better than existing ethanol production using natural gas or coal. Using woody biomass for power is a technology that is not currently being applied to ethanol production in this country and will make the plant more efficient and clean.

To meet renewable fuel standard (RFS) requirements, more ethanol production must come on line. The ECE projects are the cleanest and most cost effective way to help achieve the RFS goals in the southeast. Without local production, the 2 billion gallon market for ethanol in the southeast will be met by ethanol "imported" from the midwest, which costs more than if produced locally. It is vital that the southeast seize the opportunity to share the value-added benefits of ethanol production, including job creation and increased economic activity.

I believe that the DOE should support biofuels produced from existing, commercially viable renewable feedstocks. As you know, the technologies needed to move to second

generation biofuel feedstocks are still years away, and it is important to accelerate efforts to reduce GHG emissions and our dependence on imported petroleum.

Again, I hope you give close attention for the loan guarantee application submitted by ECE. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Allen Boyd

Allen Boyd
Member of Congress

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September 28, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application submitted by East Coast Ethanol (ECE) to construct four new ethanol plants in the Southeast. I am told that these plants would produce corn ethanol and utilize woody biomass technologies that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by up to 50 percent or more, compared to petroleum. The GKG emissions reductions achieved by ECE would also be significantly better than ethanol produced from plants powered by natural gas or coal.

The ECE plants will be located in Jesup, GA, Chester, SC, Seaboard, NC, and Campbellton, FL. These projects are said to be shovel-ready and are estimated to create 6,500 jobs and 5 million tons in annual biomass demand. Unlike existing ethanol production, ECE will use and produce woody biomass to offset energy costs for the plants, achieving GHG emissions reductions that are notably better than gasoline and existing ethanol production using natural gas or coal. Using woody biomass for power is a technology that is not currently being applied to ethanol production in this country.

To meet Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) requirements, more corn ethanol production must come on line. ECE projects are among the cleanest and most cost effective ways to help achieve the RFS goals. Without local production, the 2 billion gallon market for ethanol in the Southeast will be met by ethanol "imported" from the Midwest, which costs more than if produced locally.

I hope DOE will seriously consider biofuels produced from existing, commercially viable renewable feedstocks. The technologies needed to move to second generation biofuel feedstocks are still years away, and it is important to speed up efforts to reduce GHC emissions and our dependence on imported petroleum.

I urge you to give close consideration to the loan guarantee application submitted by ECE. If you have any questions, please call me or my staff at (202) 225-5501.

Sincerely,

John Spratt

John M. Spratt, Jr.
Member of Congress

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 28, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA 0000132

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our support for the proposal submitted by Transmission Developers Incorporated (TDI), on behalf of Maine Power Express, LLC, to the US Department of Energy for funding under its *Loan Guarantee program for Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies.*

The Maine Power Express project seeks to develop a 150 mile underwater high-voltage cable to transmit up to 1,000 MW of electricity connecting Maine with Massachusetts. This new line is expected to significantly improve reliability, capacity and transmission of renewable power in the region, and will help in meeting the goals of increased energy efficiency and reduced dependency on foreign oil. Additionally, this project will help facilitate increased utilization of vital renewable energy generation projects in Maine -- further bolstering our state's leadership in this field. It is with this in mind that we lend our support to this proposal.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of TDI and Maine Power Express, LLC. We urge your most careful consideration of this application, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that you please keep us informed of the status of the review process. In addition to our DC offices, please have your staff notify our Augusta staff, Brian Whitney (Snowe) at 207-622-8292 and Bill Card (Collins) at 207-622-8414, when a ~~final determination~~ has been made.

Sincerely,

Olympia Snowe

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September 28, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Signet Solar, Inc. under the United States Department of Energy's second round loan guarantee solicitation for energy efficiency, renewable energy and advanced transmission and distribution technologies (DOE Solicitation Number: DE-FOA-0000005), for the construction of the SunKuchina solar photovoltaic manufacturing facility in Belen, New Mexico.

Signet Solar is a US company based in California with current operations in Germany. Signet plans to expand its production by starting a factory in Belen, New Mexico and is using equipment manufactured by another US company, Applied Materials. Signet's innovative technology has been proven to be viable both by Signet Solar and Applied Materials and is ready for high volume production in New Mexico. Applied Materials is contractually guaranteeing the performance of the new manufacturing line in New Mexico.

Signet started volume manufacturing of thin film PV panels this year and is on track to generate over $25 Million in revenues in 2009. Revenue from the German plant is expected to double next year. Signet's products have been shipped to customers in Germany, Italy, Spain, and the Czech Republic for over a year. Signet will begin shipping to US customers next year. The first phase of the planned 120,000 sq. ft plant in New Mexico will have an annual production capacity of 70MW, enough to power approximately 20,000 homes, and create 200 high-wage jobs in the state. Operations are scheduled to begin in 2011. Additionally, Signet Solar along with its partners is planning to build over 500 MW of solar PV farms in New Mexico, Texas, and Nevada, and negotiations are underway with utilities on long term power purchase agreements. Signet is also planning to export this product to Europe, the Middle-East and India. Signet plans to increase production capacity at the SunKuchina site to 300MW per year, which will create an additional 400 economic base jobs in New Mexico. Signet and its investors have committed the equity needed to build the project, and the state of New Mexico has offered and provided them significant incentives.

Signet is in an active dialog with your department regarding the due diligence process. The Department's attention to the timely completion of its due diligence process on Signet Solar's application is requested so that loan guarantee closure can occur in time to start operations in Belen, achieve job creation goals, meet domestic customer demand and ensure market retention

I write in support this project that will bolster the manufacturing base in New Mexico and appreciate your reasoned consideration of this application for a DOE loan guarantee. Please let my chief of staff, Stephen Ward (202-224-0175), or me know if there is any additional comment would help in your evaluation.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman
United States Senator

cc: David Frantz, Director
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September 30, 2009

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I am writing in regards to an application that ALTe has submitted for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program.

As you know, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program was authorized under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 in order to encourage the manufacture of advanced technology vehicles and components that will lead to meaningful improvements in fuel economy performance. My understanding is that ALTe is developing a series plug-in hybrid electric vehicle powertrain which could make a contribution towards those goals. I urge you to give this application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary C. Peters
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September 30,2009

Honorable Steve Isakowitz
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

At a time when our nation is struggling to regain its economic footing, the United States Enrichment Corporation's (USEC) American Centrifuge Project (ACP) represents an excellent opportunity to provide the dependable, long term, U.S.-owned nuclear fuel production capability needed to support the country's nuclear power plants, while fostering domestic job creation and technology development. The ACP is a step in the right direction for ensuring the global nuclear renaissance is led by American technology and American workers.

As the Department of Energy (DOE) continues to evaluate the technical merits of USEC's American Centrifuge Project, I would like to thank you and your staff for your continued professionalism and commitment to the best interests of the American taxpayer. To support USEC's request for a $2 billion loan guarantee, the Department must thoroughly investigate the commercialization potential of the project which hinges partially upon a successful technical evaluation. In order to provide the most unbiased and fair technical evaluation of USEC's centrifuge technology, it is my understanding that DOE is utilizing an independent engineer (Parsons) to conduct performance analyses and draft their subsequent reports.

In this regard, I would like to receive a copy of all draft reports Parsons has submitted to the Department, and when available, the final version of this critical report. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, this information will be of great assistance as I continue to monitor the Department's deliberations on this project.

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In addition, I would like to request a copy of the technological and financial milestones that were referenced in a DOE press release dated August 4, 2009. Per the press release, USEC must satisfy these milestones during the six month review period, and in order to ensure a fair and balanced process I must know exactly what the Department has conveyed to USEC.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
United States Senator

cc: Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

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October 1, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application submitted by East Coast Ethanol (ECE) to construct four new ethanol plants.

These plants would produce corn ethanol and utilize woody biomass technologies that would reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) compared to petroleum. The GHG emissions reductions achieved by ECE would also be better than ethanol produced from plants powered by natural gas or coal.

The ECE plants will be located in Seaboard, North Carolina, Jesup, Georgia, Chester, South Carolina, and Campbellton, Florida. These projects are shovel-ready; will create 6,500 jobs; provide an estimated $800 million Regional Gross Output; and will create 5 million tons in annual biomass demand.

One of the planned locations, Seaboard, NC, is in the First District of North Carolina, which I have the privilege of representing. Like many communities in my District, Seaboard is small, predominantly African-American,and is plagued with poverty. More than a quarter of its residents live below the poverty line. Major economic investments, such as an ethanol plant, are immensely important to the growth of struggling rural communities like Seaboard.

Unlike existing ethanol production, ECE will use woody biomass to offset energy costs for the plants, making them greener and achieving GHG emissions reductions that are significantly better than gasoline. This process is also significantly cleaner than existing ethanol production using natural gas or coal. Woody biomass, which holds tremendous potential for powering ethanol production, is not currently being used in this country.

To meet RFS requirements, more ethanol production must come on line. Without local production, the 2 billion gallon market for ethanol in the Southeast will be met by ethanol "imported" from the Midwest, which costs more than if produced locally. It is vital that the Southeast seize the opportunity to share the value-added benefits of ethanol production, including job creation and increased economic activity.

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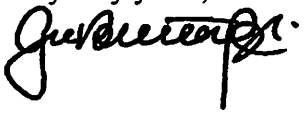
Again, I want to express my strong support for the loan guarantee application submitted by ECE, and I hope you will show it every consideration.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,



G. K. Butterfield
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October 6, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Ave.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) operation of the loan guarantee program. In particular, we would like more information regarding the agency's interpretation of cellulosic biofuel companies' eligibility for loan guarantees. Furthermore, we encourage the program to clarify its focus on emerging technologies. We strongly support moving the biomass industry to commercialization as quickly and responsibly as possible.

During the 2009 Appropriations process, Congress included language in numerous Appropriations bills clarifying eligibility for DOE's loan guarantee program. Congress determined projects initiated prior to May 1, 2009 would be eligible for the program. To speed the development of the cellulosic industry, which most experts agree is critical to develop more domestic fuel, we encourage you to ensure loan guarantee programs are operated as Congress intended.

Even more troubling are the rumors that DOE is judging emerging technologies applications using the same criteria as mature technology. Loan guarantees offset the inherent risk of developing new technologies. We fear continuing to operate the program in this manner will result in almost no advanced biomass facilities construction. Congress intended for the loan guarantee program to mitigate the technology risk companies experience as they work to perfect the technology and we hope you agree.

Mr. Secretary, we know you understand and appreciate the difficulty today's financial climate creates for companies who are trying to commercialize new and unproven technologies. We encourage DOE to provide all of the assistance for these new technologies through the loan guarantee program as Congress intended.

Thank you and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Carol M. Browner

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Mr. Matthew C. Rogers
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Re: Ze-Gen application

Dear Mr. Rogers,

I am writing to express my strong support of the request by Ze-gen, a renewable energy company based in Massachusetts, for a delay in the final review of their application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. It is my understanding that the company was open and upfront about when they would be able to produce all the information required for the program, and that they were led to believe they would have sufficient time to submit that information before being reviewed.

Ze-gen is a promising new company whose development of advanced gasification technology holds significant promise as a means of converting post recycled construction and demolition waste into synthetic gas. By both reducing waste and producing syngas, their efforts will benefit our nation's move toward environmentally-friendly, sustainable energy use. The company's planned expansion in New Bedford, a state-designated economic target area, would also represent an important piece of the city's revitalization.

As the attached letter from Ze-gen indicates, the company was very open during the application process as to their need for additional time to produce data from their pilot facility. Their letter states that they were given assurances that this would not have a negative impact on their application. However, a letter they received on August 13th indicated that their application would not be reviewed further based on deficiencies of information.

The situation as outlined in Ze-gen's letter is very concerning to me. I understand that there is a precedent for applications being deferred for later review under similar circumstances, and I urge you to give Ze-Gen's request your utmost consideration.

Barney Frank

BARNEY FRANK
Member of Congress

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October 8, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that the Department of Energy brief the staff of this Committee and interested House members on a number of matters relating to USEC, Inc.

Specifically, I would like the briefing to cover the status of, and the Department's analysis of: the USEC loan guarantee application; the recently initiated 60-day review; and the research and development work that was proposed by the Department, but which is not funded in the FY 2010 Energy and Water appropriations conference report.

I would also ask that the Department's representatives be prepared to discuss all information relevant to these matters at the briefing and to bring with them any documents relevant to the discussion.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for your leadership in reviving the domestic automotive industry through supporting the creation and administration of federal programs to improve vehicle technology and fuel efficiency. This in mind, I write in support of an application submitted for consideration under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVM), which meets both Agency priorities and industry needs.

I urge your consideration of EcoMotors' $207 million loan request under the ATVM program to build a manufacturing plant in Michigan, which will produce an estimated 300,000 revolutionary opoc™ engines annually. This type of engine, which is an opposed-piston-opposed-cylinder design, is significantly simpler, smaller, lighter, and as much as 50 percent more fuel-efficient than today's conventional engines. Moreover, the plant EcoMotors will build with this loan will create over 3,500 direct and indirect jobs in Michigan, something of dire necessity in a state whose unemployment rate, at over 15 percent, is the highest in the Nation.

Again, I encourage the Department of Energy to give due consideration to EcoMotors' loan application. If approved, it will allow the company to contribute to the dually important tasks of creating jobs in Michigan and aiding in the overall transformation of the domestic automotive industry. Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

John D. Dingell
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Re: Deepwater Wind Rhode Island, LLC – Application for Title XVII Loan Guarantee
Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of the application of Deepwater Wind Rhode Island, LLC for a Title XVII federal loan guarantee for the construction of a two-phased wind energy project off the coast of Rhode Island. The development of commercial wind energy is important to helping Rhode Island begin to build a sustainable, green economy.

The first phase of the project calls for the construction of eight wind turbines in state waters off the coast of Block Island, Rhode Island. This project will supply Block Island with clean, renewable energy, eliminating its reliance on diesel-generated power, and it will create a transmission link to ensure that power can be delivered from the island to the mainland. With the cooperation of the State of Rhode Island, which has selected Deepwater Wind as the preferred developer, the expectation is that the Block Island phase of the project will be in service by 2012. Under this timeline, this has the potential to be the first successful effort in the United States to site and build a commercial offshore wind energy generation facility. This phase will also demonstrate a novel deepwater jacketed foundation for the deployment of wind turbines and serve as a test-bed that will provide a large quantity of data to benefit larger projects in the future.

The second phase envisions the construction of approximately 100 turbines with a combined 385 Megawatts of generating capacity turbines in federal waters off the coast of Rhode Island. In relation to this proposal, the State of Rhode Island's Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) is currently developing an Ocean Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) that will help identify sites in federal waters off the coast of Rhode Island that are suitable for lease for the construction of commercial wind farms. Great progress in identifying suitable areas has already been made. The SAMP, which is being developed through a public and collaborative process with all stakeholders and is supported by federal dollars, will be incorporated into Rhode Island's coastal zone management program and will help expedite consistency and environmental reviews for wind energy projects in federal waters. This planning effort could serve as a national model for the development of offshore energy resources. In a sign of Rhode

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Island's progress, the Secretary of the Interior recently agreed to establish a joint federal-state task force that will coordinate potential lease offerings off the Rhode Island coast.

Despite the efforts of the CRMC to coordinate this planning effort, it will not be a success unless a project is built. As the attached letter from the Governor indicates, the State of Rhode Island supports this application. Indeed, the state regards wind energy as an important part of developing new industry and jobs, which the state sorely needs considering it has the third highest unemployment rate in the country. Offshore wind energy development offers the state a chance to create the type of "green jobs" that can lift up the state's economy and sustain it over the long-term. With port facilities and a skilled marine trades workforce, Rhode Island has the potential to be a base for wind energy development along the East Coast.

As such, I request that you give full consideration to this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed
United States Senator

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October 13, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing regarding the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program grant application submitted by Carbon Motors.

Carbon Motors intends to use this grant to produce the E7 law enforcement vehicle. According to Carbon Motors, the E7 will reduce the overall emissions of the law enforcement fleet by up to 40%. Additionally, the company projects the creation of 10,000 new American jobs.

Please feel free to contact me or Lindsay Murray in my Omaha office at 402-758-8981 if you have any questions as you review this application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Johanns
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October 22, 2009

Mr. Derrick Cunningham
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
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Dear Mr. Cunningham,

I am referring the enclosed inquiry from my constituent, [redacted], regarding a loan guarantee denied to USEC.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of my constituent's remarks. Please respond directly to my constituent and send me a copy at the following address:

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator
Washington, DC 20510
Attention: Sara Dewey

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen

Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

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The Honorable Barack H. Obama
President of the United States of America
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing today to make you aware of a number of concerns I have in regard to the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio.

The American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon is America's only commercial uranium enrichment facility to use U.S.-owned and operated centrifuge technology. As you know, on July 27, 2009, the United States Department of Energy (DOE) asked the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) to withdraw its application for a loan guarantee for the American Centrifuge Plant.

The DOE loan guarantee program is designed to cultivate the development of cutting-edge technologies which reduce emissions and are used for the first time in the United States. As companies introducing new and advanced technology to the United States typically struggle to find financial support in the commercial market, DOE's loan guarantee would have given the American Centrifuge Plant the jump start it needed to immediately employ up to 6,000 individuals while cutting emissions of carbon dioxide by approximately 10 million tons annually. I was very disappointed to learn of DOE's decision to reject USEC's application.

In addition to my disappointment in regard to USEC being denied the loan guarantee for this enrichment facility, I also wanted to bring to your attention a few matters involving the analysis of the American Centrifuge Plant's technology. I understand Parson Consulting, an independent consulting firm, was hired to complete a study to determine the viability of the technology at the enrichment facility. I have been made aware that DOE asked USEC to withdraw its application for the loan guarantee before Parson's final report was delivered to DOE. As the outcome of this study was intended to help DOE understand the readiness of the technology, I am concerned by DOE's hasty decision to deny USEC the loan guarantee before the department had time to thoroughly examine Parson's final analysis. In addition, I have been made aware that there have been several requests made to DOE for copies of Parson's final report. These inquiries were made over a month ago, and DOE has yet to provide the requested report or give any sort of response as to why such material has not been released.

DOE has somehow concluded that the American Centrifuge Plant's technology in Piketon is not commercially ready, and therefore not yet qualified to receive DOE's loan guarantee. As this project and decision is extremely large and intricate, I cannot help but assume Parson's study should have largely contributed to DOE's decision to reject USEC's application for the loan guarantee at this time. In order to understand the reasons behind DOE's actions, I respectfully request you contact DOE to urge them to release Parson's independent analysis of the plant's technological capabilities.

In the meantime, DOE has promised to provide USEC with $45 million over the next 18 months to support ongoing technology demonstration activities at the American Centrifuge Plant. As this monetary support would greatly aid the enrichment facility's ability to further their technology to possibly secure a loan guarantee in the future, I am pleased to have your support for DOE's promised funds to the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon.

Mr. President, I greatly appreciate the support you have declared for this project on numerous occasions. As you have said, energy programs that promote safe and environmentally-sound technologies and are domestically produced, such as the enrichment facility in Ohio, will have your full support. In addition, you also promised to work with the DOE to make the loan guarantee available for this project, which exemplifies all of the necessary and intended criteria for the loan guarantee. I wholeheartedly agree with your views on this matter and hope we can work together to make this priority a reality.

I look forward to your reply and appreciate your continued support for this project.

Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Chu:

I would like to voice my support for the Taylorville Energy Center (TEC) application for loan guarantees from the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I have been a vocal supporter of creating new sources of base load power generation that operate in a more environmentally conscious manner, which is exactly what has been proposed by the developer, Christian County Generation, LLC. This plant could be the first in the nation to utilize integrated gasification combined cycle technology to produce electricity from Illinois coal, thus increasing the demand for jobs in the coal mining field. Job creation has been touted as the cornerstone of the Obama administration and is the current crisis affecting America that has to be addressed.

Moreover, the benefits of the TEC plan do not stop there. In addition to the electricity generation, at least half of the carbon dioxide emitted would be captured and sold for oil recovery usage or sequestered in underground geologic formation, similar to what has been done for decades with natural gas. In addition to the carbon capture, any surplus natural gas would be used for commercial purposes.

These processes put together will crate one of the cleanest burning coal fired power plants that will utilize the major portion of their emissions for use to further enhance our energy supplies in this country. It is imperative that we move forward with policies and financial assistance to projects like the TEC in order to maintain a cheap source of energy for America that will help address the ever increasing worries of a lack of adequate power supply.

America cannot provide cost effective electrical generation on wind and solar power alone. This project can be part of an ever increasing portfolio of an "all of the above" energy approach. Coal, nuclear, wind, solar, hydrogen, and any other new source of energy generation should be considered. We have to have an increase in our supply of energy, and this state of the art clean coal burning facility that we call TEC is essential in that approach.

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I am available if you have any questions or comments about this request and also hope that you take my support of this loan guarantee application into consideration during the NEPA review. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN SHIMKUS
Member of Congress

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October 29, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my gratitude for the work you and your staff have put in to advancing the loan guarantee application of SAGE Electrochromics, Inc. (SAGE) and to encourage completion of the loan guarantee process as quickly as possible. SAGE is a wonderful Minnesota-based, cleantech company that I have been working with for some time. As you likely know, they have grown from a pilot line operation to a small scale commercial production operation in their ten years in Minnesota. A great deal of their support has come from the relationship they have developed with the United States Department of Energy through Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, in particular.

Their plans to build a high volume manufacturing plant in Minnesota are of great interest to me and my constituents. Not only does it bring an innovative and much needed product to the market to reduce our Nation's energy consumption, but it bring hundreds of living wage jobs to Minnesota. These are the types of jobs supported by the Administration's efforts toward a long-term recovery across the country and here in Minnesota.

Again, I appreciate everything you are doing to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar

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United States Senator

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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To Secretary Chu:

I am writing to thank you for the work you have done to move forward the loan guarantee application of SAGE Electrochromics, Inc (SAGE) and to encourage the timely completion of the loan guarantee process.

Last year I had the privilege of touring the SAGE facility in Fairbault Minnesota and meeting with the workers and the CEO, John Van Dine. This is truly a company that helps makes Minnesota the great state that it is. Founded in 1989, it is a leader in clean energy solutions for businesses. The United State Department of Energy's loan guarantee will make their plans for a high volume manufacturing plant possible. This will not only bring hundreds of living wage jobs to Minnesota, but it will further President Obama's goal of reducing our nation's carbon footprint. I would be more than happy to help facilitate a visit to the SAGE facility in Minnesota so that you can see first-hand how American companies are helping to make a clean energy economy a reality.

Thank you again for your efforts to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

Al Franken
United States Senator

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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express my support for Bannon Automotive's loan application through the Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) program. This loan would not only help reduce vehicle carbon emissions, it would also produce clean energy jobs for the residents of Central New York.

As you are aware, clean energy jobs are vital to our country's economic viability and the protection of our environment, particularly within New York. Bannon Automotive's proposal is slated to produce 92 jobs by 2010 and 252 jobs by 2016 and would provide zero-emission electric cars at a moderate price to consumers. Bannon's REVA NXR zero-emission vehicle possesses a battery capable of running for as much as 60 miles on a single charge at up to 60 miles per hour. Over a third of the vehicle parts would be produced in the United State and manufacturing could begin as early as 2010.

I understand that Bannon has requested $35 million through the ATVM loan program. I am assured that this loan will be an investment in our nation's future, and a fulfillment of our promise to produce viable clean energy jobs. For these reasons I ask that DOE complete a thorough yet expeditious review of the proposed loan request.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact John Jones in my Washington, DC office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

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Dr. Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As members of the Michigan Congressional delegation, we are grateful for your efforts to revive our American auto industry and for the creation of programs to improve technology and fuel efficiency. We are writing in support of an application under consideration in the Advanced Technology Vehicle Loan Program (ATVM) which fits both Administration priorities and the needs of the American auto industry.

As you know, EcoMotors International currently has a $207 million loan application pending for the development of a manufacturing site in Livonia, Michigan to produce approximately 300,000 innovative opposed-piston-opposed-cylinder (OPOC) engines. According to EcoMotors, the OPOC engine, with 50 percent fewer parts, offers fuel economy savings in excess of 50 percent, and can be manufactured within the existing supply chain. Importantly, the approval of this request would lead to the creation of an estimated 3,500 direct and indirect jobs in Michigan. These new jobs are essential to our struggling state where the 15.3 percent unemployment rate is the highest in the nation and is predicted to continue to rise.

EcoMotors has already undergone eight months of review by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the company was found eligible under the ATVM program on a separate application. As the ATVM program was designed to encourage the manufacturing of advanced technology vehicles, this is precisely the type of project DOE should be supporting. We encourage DOE to approve this manufacturing application which will help to revitalize the American auto industry and give Michigan hope for the future. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus G. McCotter
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cc: Lachlan Seward, Director, Advanced Technology Vehicle Loan (ATVM) Program

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October 30,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Please accept this letter expressing my strong support for the efforts of Louisiana Green Fuels Group (LGFG) in Lacassine, La., to establish one of the first advanced biofuels refineries in the nation. LGFG's project will contribute to the national goals of cutting greenhouse gas emissions and reducing our dependence on foreign oil while creating or retaining 1,019 jobs and stimulating economic development and private enterprise throughout the state of Louisiana and the Southeast.

Pursuant to Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, LGFG seeks a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy to facilitate construction of a 22.5 million gallon per year leading edge biofuels facility alongside LGFG's existing Lacassine sugarcane mill and to increase sugarcane and sweet sorghum feedstock production beyond the company's existing 16,000 acres.

LGFG has acquired proven, cutting-edge distillery equipment and technology not now in commercial application domestically, secured all required permits for construction, selected a construction company, completed all necessary site work, and negotiated product off-take agreements – making this a "shovel-ready" project of which the DOE can be proud.

Several aspects of LGFG's project plan make this effort unique both in terms of advancement and efficiency. LGFG has developed a vertically-integrated business model that will encompass the Lacassine mill, ethanol plant, and surrounding sweet sorghum and sugarcane farming operations. If successful, LGFG plans to build a second facility at Lacassine and a third and fourth in conjunction with operations in St. James, La., and New Iberia, La.

This model not only will cut costs, but also reduce waste byproducts by reusing them for biorefinery operations and by turning them into marketable co-products, including natural fertilizers and CO_2 for oil and gas recovery operations. Additionally, the sugarcane mill and ethanol plant in Lacassine will be fueled by bagasse, a high-biomass byproduct of mill processes.

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LGFG has agreements in place to sell excess bagasse-derived electricity to Entergy Gulf States, Inc.

Lacassine is located within short-haul trucking distance from two major refineries, CITGO and ConocoPhillips. Transportation infrastructure is in place for LGFG to deliver the final product to one of the nearby oil refineries. Currently, there are no producing ethanol facilities within 500 miles of the proposed Lacassine plant.

With the construction of the integrated biofuels facility, LGFG will be poised to help meet the demands the Southeast's growing ethanol market and national Renewable Fuel Standard targets.

In accordance with the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, LGFG's project promotes economic recovery, spurs technological advances in science, and invests in environmental protection and infrastructure to provide long-term economic benefits, in addition to creating construction and permanent jobs while preserving farming, transportation and other jobs impacted by the project.

Because much of the overall project infrastructure already is in place, construction could begin as early as July 2010. Project construction will result in more than $48 million dollars in construction spending and in 466 full-time direct jobs and 553 indirect jobs.

I respectfully seek your assistance in ensuring that LGFG's proposal receives full and fair consideration and, if selected, that your team work closely with LGFG to expedite the efficient completion of all required loan guarantee paperwork so construction can begin quickly and the citizens of our state can get back to work.

Sincerely,

Charlie Melancon
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

October 30, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
James Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to share with you our strong support and encouragement for a revised loan application which has been submitted by Abound Solar, Inc. to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) under the Department's Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program.

This revised application is important. Abound Solar plans to manufacture next generation thin-film solar photovoltaic (PV) modules at a location in Tipton County, Indiana. Abound Solar has a major opportunity to be a low-cost producer of thin-film PV panels and sell these panels competitively priced in the global marketplace. Abound Solar indicated that their PV modules will be capable of supplying solar energy at costs competitive with conventional fossil fuels. This advantage translates into important economic benefits to Tipton County, the State of Indiana and indeed the nation at this critical juncture.

Abound Solar has prepared a comprehensive long-term plan for production in an unused auto-related building that was built but abandoned just prior to the Chrysler bankruptcy. Significantly, Abound Solar plans to create almost a thousand full-time jobs that the company and state officials estimate will generate several hundred million dollars in revenue, in addition to increased levels of economic activity in the region.

We commend our state and local officials for their concerted efforts to attract industries to locate and prosper in Indiana. We are encouraged by the increased emphasis on energy efficiency and on renewable sources of energy generation for the nation. We believe Indiana will play an important role in our shared goals in this important area, and we want to help DOE with these objectives. We are confident you will give thoughtful and thorough consideration of the merits of the application submitted by Abound Solar, Inc.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you our interest in – and strong support for – this worthwhile request.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator

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United States Senator

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October 30, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
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RE: Loan Guarantee Application –The Southern California Solar Power Project

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express my support for the Southern California Solar Power Project ("SCSPP") and its Loan Guarantee Application. As we had the pleasure of discussing previously, it is my firm belief that significant commercial solar energy development potential exists in California's 45th Congressional District, which I'm proud to represent.

On September 14, 2009, Solar Millennium, LLC submitted its application to the Department of Energy for a federal loan guarantee pursuant to Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, in response to the July 29, 2009 initial solicitation for *Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects That Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, And Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies.*

It is my understanding that the SCSPP project consists of 968 megawatts (MWs) of concentrating solar thermal parabolic trough power plants, a proven solar technology that has been operating at a utility-scale in California for more than two decades. The SCSPP application requests funding for a new generation of solar collector technology, the HelioTrough, which is a new design that is currently being tested in Kramer Junction, California.

The SCSPP is located on three sites in the California Mojave desert. Two of the projects that would receive funding should the grant be awarded – the Palen Solar Power Project and the Blythe Solar Power Project – are planned for California's 45th Congressional District.

It is my hope these projects will bring significant benefits to the region. It has been conveyed to me that current plans dictate that each 242 MW plant will provide electricity sufficient for 75,000 average homes, avoid 250,000 tons of greenhouse gasses, and create 800 jobs during the

2.5 year construction period, and up to 85 operations and maintenance jobs during the 30 year life of the plant. The local community will also realize additional jobs indirectly supported by SCSPP. Given that California's Inland Empire is currently struggling with an unemployment rate of 14.7%, a project providing new jobs could not come at a better time.

I again express my support for the submitted grant application reflecting the SCSPP as a part of the vast renewable energy potential that exists in this region of America. Pushing forward with this and similar efforts will bring forth jobs, embrace innovative technologies, utilize clean energy power, and decrease our energy dependence on foreign countries.

I appreciate your and your staff's timely consideration of the application and am hopeful it meets your approval. Should you have any questions, feel free to call me directly or have your staff contact Chris Foster, my Legislative Director, at (202) 225-5330.

Sincerely,

MARY BONO MACK
Member of Congress

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October 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to bring to your attention certain problems, as they have been presented to my office, with the Department of Energy's programs to finance renewable energy and advanced vehicle development through loan guarantee and loan programs established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. I appreciate your commitment to improve both of these programs, and I hope that by bringing to your attention these particular problems, you will be able to rectify them.

I am told that applicants for loans and loan guarantees continue to find the application process difficult for the following reasons:

- Reviews of pending applications are falling behind schedule. On multiple occasions, the Department has missed internal deadlines for initial decisions, terms negotiations, final decisions, and loan closure. Applicants inform me that it is common for the Department to delay the same decisions repeatedly.

- Applicants are often not provided a timeline laying out the benchmarks in the approval process, which would allow them to judge whether their application is proceeding properly and on schedule.

- Final approval requires agreement by the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the U.S. Department of Treasury, and this process is also of unpredictable length.

As I am sure you can appreciate, managers at the firms who have applied to receive loans or loan guarantees would be better able to plan business growth, meet contractual obligations to deliver product, and line up investment if they were confident about the Department's decision timelines.

I appreciate that you have made processing loan and loan guarantee applications "quickly, carefully, and transparently" a top Department priority. In light of your resolve, and the initial progress you have made in moving these programs forward, I hope you will establish goals for processing pending applications over the next few months, especially for innovative renewable energy projects. I also encourage you to provide each loan and loan guarantee applicant with a clear timeline under which the Department of Energy, the Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Management and Budget will review the application, negotiate terms, and finalize awards.

I thank you for the progress you have demonstrated thus far with these extremely important loan and loan guarantee programs. I hope that by advising you of persisting problems with these programs, it will give you the opportunity to address them.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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November 6,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of a proposal by the Louisiana Green Fuels Group (LGFG) to establish an advanced biofuels refinery in Lacassine, Louisiana. This effort has the potential to increase renewable energy production, provide energy alternatives in the Southeast, and decrease U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

LGFG is applying for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy to construct a 22.5 million gallon per year biofuels facility alongside its existing sugarcane mill in Lacassine, and to increase sugarcane and sweet sorghum feedstock production beyond the company's existing 16,000 acres. Lacassine is located within trucking distance of two major refineries, and the proposed integrated biofuels facility can help meet the demands of the Southeast's growing ethanol market and national Renewable Fuel Standard targets.

It is my understanding that LGFG has acquired proven cutting-edge distillery equipment and technology not now in commercial application domestically, secured all required permits for construction, selected a construction company, completed all necessary site work, and has negotiated product off-take agreements—making the project "shovel-ready."

LGFG's project promotes economic recovery by creating jobs and preserving farming, transportation and other jobs directly and indirectly impacted by the project, while investing in environmental protection and infrastructure to provide long-term economic benefits. I've been told construction could begin as early as July 2010.

I ask that every proper consideration be provided to LGFG's proposal. I support regional efforts to promote alternative energy production in Louisiana and look forward to working with you in the future to help achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Bill Cassidy

Bill Cassidy
Member of Congress

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November 6, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to inquire how the recent announcement from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding the failure of the AP1000 nuclear reactor design to demonstrate compliance with regulatory safety requirements will impact the loan guarantee applications currently under consideration by the Department of Energy that are based on reactor designs that have not yet been finalized or approved by the NRC.

As you know, several of the 21 proposed nuclear units that have submitted applications for the $18.5 billion in available loan guarantees are based on the AP1000 design, including two of the four applications widely reported to be the leading candidates for these awards. The NRC revealed on October 15, 2009, that it considers its review of the shield building component of the AP1000 reactor design, as proposed by Westinghouse Electric Company, to be complete and that the proposed design requires either additional analysis, testing or actual design modifications to ensure compliance with NRC requirements and performance of required safety functions. On October 14, 2009—the day before the NRC announcement—you were quoted in a Bloomberg article saying that you expected the $18.5 billion in loan guarantees for new nuclear power plants to be announced "very soon."

The power plant shield building design is critical to ensuring that the nuclear reactor can withstand hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and the impact of a commercial airliner, as required by NRC regulation. The seriousness of the design flaw is

underscored by the fact that NRC staff had been working with the reactor manufacturer on this problem for a year before their decision was made public last month.

Building safe reactors on time and on budget has long been a challenge for the nuclear power industry. According to the Congressional Budget Office, of the more than 40 nuclear power projects under way since the partial core meltdown at Three Mile Island in 1979, construction cost overruns exceeded 250 percent. An average of 12 years elapsed between the start of construction and commercial operation. Since the last reactor came online in the United States in 1996, the nuclear industry and the number of skilled nuclear workers has further contracted, especially domestically. This raises the potential for massive construction delays and cost overruns—and defaults on taxpayer-backed loans, which is why private sector capital has not been willing to finance new nuclear plants without 100 percent government debt guarantees.

The nuclear plant currently under construction in Olkiluoto, Finland was initially intended to demonstrate how many of nuclear power's problems had been overcome. This plant, using the Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR) produced by the French state-controlled company Areva, was supposed to be finished this past summer but instead is now more than 50 percent over budget and its commissioning utility has said it will not meet the revised completion schedule of mid-2012.

Earlier this week, nuclear regulators from France, Finland, and the U.K. issued a joint statement raising questions about the safety of the EPR. This is the same design that is still under review at the NRC, and is one of the final candidates widely reported to be on the Department of Energy's short list for a loan guarantee. The issues highlighted by the French, Finnish, and U.K. regulators focus on the adequacy of the safety systems used to maintain control of the reactor if it goes outside normal conditions as well as the independence of these safety systems from the control systems used to operate the plant under normal conditions. Areva has subsequently announced that their EPR design may need "adaptations."

The new Combined Construction and Operating License (COL) process at the NRC effectively reduces the regulatory permitting process for these long term, capital-intensive, high-risk nuclear projects to a single step. I believe it is critical that this important step be completed before the Department offers a loan guarantee for a new nuclear power plant. Otherwise valuable taxpayer support would be set aside for a project that may not pass regulatory review.

Good government practices demand high standards of safety and avoidance of waste. When a new drug treatment is proposed or a new car manufactured, the safety of these products must be ensured before they hit the marketplace. And when tax dollars are on the line supporting important projects, citizens should know they are getting the best deal possible for their money. These principles of safety and fiscal responsibility are especially applicable to new nuclear power plants. Withholding loan guarantee commitments until a project obtains regulatory approval ensures that taxpayers do not assume the financial risk of new reactor construction unless the loan guarantee applicants

have demonstrated with certainty that their reactor designs are safe, effective, and meet applicable NRC regulations.

In order to better understand what actions the Department is taking to ensure that the taxpayer's interests are properly protected in connection with any nuclear loan guarantees, the Subcommittee would appreciate your assistance and cooperation in providing responses to the following questions:

1. How is the Department proceeding with loan guarantees—conditional or otherwise—for projects in which equipment designs are not yet finalized or approved, such as the AP1000 applications? Will the Department commit to not approving loan guarantees for reactors whose designs have not yet been finalized or approved by the NRC? If not, why not?

2. Will conditional guarantees have a firm sunset clause if conditions are not met within a limited time period? If not, why not?

3. The 2005 Energy Act that authorized the Loan Guarantee Program specified that the Secretary must consider the financial risk and likelihood of repayment associated with a project in order to award a guarantee.

a. How are your risk assessments of the AP1000 reactor loan guarantee applications affected by the recent NRC actions? If they are not affected, why not?

b. Are you concerned about additional risks to the taxpayer as a result of the design flaws of the AP1000 identified by the NRC and potential problems with other yet unapproved designs? If not, why not?

c. How are these concerns being addressed in the loan guarantee selection process for new nuclear plants?

d. Will loan guarantee applicants be required to pay the subsidy cost at the time of the conditional award? Will the Department be reassessing the subsidy cost over the life of the conditional award? If not, why not?

4. As part of its general project evaluation and due diligence process, how is the Department's loan guarantee office coordinating with relevant regulatory agencies to ensure that taxpayer-backed loan guarantees are supplied to projects that meet health, safety, environmental, and other requirements? More specifically, how is the Department coordinating with the NRC on the nuclear loan guarantees to ensure that the Department is receiving the most up-to-date information about design certification and project licensing?

5.) Do the recent statements of nuclear regulators in France, Finland, and the U.K. regarding the EPR suggest that providing loan guarantees for this reactor may pose a greater risk than previously anticipated? Is the Department coordinating with the NRC to understand whether these concerns are shared by the NRC, and if so, whether it is advisable to provide loan guarantees for these reactors prior to those concerns being fully resolved?

6. When does the Department anticipate offering the $18.5 billion in conditional loan guarantee commitments for new nuclear reactors?

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter. Please provide responses no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2009. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Michael Goo or Jonathan Phillips on my staff at 202-225-4012.

Sincerely,

Ed Markey

Edward J. Markey
Chairman

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment

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RE: DOE Loan Guaranty Program #DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Ms. Nolan:

I would like to express my interest in the loan application for the U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guaranty Program # DE-FOA-0000140 submitted by Vela Gear Systems, LLC.

This loan will help to create 250 new Green Energy skilled manufacturing jobs and further increase job growth in the U.S. steel industry. Vela's proposal includes the production of gear sets that will facilitate the generation of over one thousand megawatts per year of new renewable electric power for every year of production, helping to offset carbon emissions. The project also improves the environment with installation of high tech manufacturing needed to help the U.S. become energy independent.

I trust Vela Gear Systems will be a responsible steward in implementing the process needed to complete this project. I ask that you give thorough consideration to this request, consistent with applicable rules and regulations and relevant statutes. If there is any way my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Byrne, who serves as my grant coordinator. She can be reached at 317-848-0201. Thank you for your efforts and attention on behalf of this request.

Sincerely,

Dan Burton

Dan Burton
Member of Congress

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November 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

You recently had the opportunity to meet Craig Bramscher, the CEO of Brammo, a small Oregon-based company which makes electric plug-in motorcycles. Their first commercially available product – the Brammo Enertia Powercycle – produces zero emissions during operation, is nearly noise-less, and is 100% electric-powered. Products such as this hold the potential to unlock exciting new solutions to the America's transportation challenges which reduce our use of imported oil and environmental emissions. These products also have the potential to reduce environmental emissions in countries around the world, where two and three wheel motor vehicles are widely used for transportation and commerce, while creating jobs here in the United States.

While the Energy Department does have a program to advance the development of electric light duty motor vehicles under Sec. 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, producers of two and three-wheel and off-road electric vehicles, such as Brammo and its competitors, are currently not eligible for Section 136 grant funding. As a result, promising transportation alternatives such as plug-in motorcycles are not being recognized or supported by the Federal vehicle development programs, and they should be.

I applaud your support for alternative energy solutions, including electric vehicles. I hope you would agree that providing the makers of electric vehicles other than light duty cars and trucks access to the same kinds of Federal development resources is important. I look forward to working together with you to rectify this shortcoming.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Room 7B-138
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Re: DE-FOA-0000140 & DOE Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to share my strong support for applications submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) by Vela Gear Systems LLC, under the DOE Loan Guaranty Program and the Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit Program.

Specifically, Vela Gear Systems LLC (aka Project Watchmaker) intends to construct and equip a 250,000 square foot state-of-the-art manufacturing facility designed for production of wind energy components and systems. The completion of this facility will ensure that wind farms (some being financed by the U.S. government) will have the ability to source their gears from a U.S. supplier. Additionally, completion of this project will result in significant job creation, not only for the Vela manufacturing facility, but for the supply chain for steel and other precision components. This project will also reduce carbon emissions by supplying critical wind turbine components that will facilitate the generation of over one thousand megawatts of new renewable electric power per year.

Project Watchmaker directly addresses many of the significant challenges being faced by the U.S., namely domestic energy security, greenhouse gas emissions, and broad-based green job creation. I believe that the high goals of this project strongly match the goals that DOE has put forward for finding and commercializing new energy technologies for meeting the needs of future energy security and availability. For this reason, I would respectfully request that you give these applications for funding your most thoughtful and serious consideration. You may direct any response or questions to my Deputy District Director, Kim Bennett, at 107 W. Charles St., Muncie, IN 47305, or via e-mail at kiml.bennett@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence
Member of Congress
Sixth District, Indiana

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November 12,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Ref: DE-FOA-00000140, and
DOE Advanced Energy Tax Credit

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in regards to Vela Gear Systems, a wind turbine components company, seeking federal assistance to construct an advanced manufacturing facility that will build wind turbine gearboxes in Indiana.

I strongly support this company's efforts to secure financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). I am encouraged by Vela Gear System's plans to use high technology machine tools to build the wind turbine gearboxes in the United States to supply this growing renewable energy power source. I am hopeful that the DOE will be able to assist this company, as I believe they can contribute to improve our nation's energy security, assist in reducing carbon dioxide emissions and advance the development of renewable energy and related job creation that our economic circumstances require.

I look forward to learning of the DOE's decisions on these proposals. Please direct your response to my Indianapolis Office at 300 East Fall Creek Parkway North Drive, Suite 300 and please direct the attention to Megan Sims, she can be reached at 317-283-6516 if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

André Carson
Member of Congress

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November 16, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Dr. Chu:

I'm writing concerning a small company in Brownsville, PA called Senoj Enterprises. They are a manufacturer of valves for the American Centrifuge Plant. Senoj Enterprises supports the prime contractor Kerotest Manufacturing Corporation under contract number 662572 with USEC Inc.

Both of these companies are in South Western PA which is an economically depressed area and this project has created over 70 jobs for the South Western PA region is poised to supply USEC for the American Centrifuge Plant project in Pinkton Ohio.

Unfortunately, due to a delay in the review of USEC's loan application both Senoj and Kerotest Manufacturing Corporation had to lay-off workers. As I understand once the American Centrifuge Plant project in Pinkton Ohio is completed it will generate over 8,000 jobs nation-wide.

As I am always concerned when there is a loss of jobs in my district, I would appreciate any information you can provide regarding this guaranteed loan application. Also, I ask that you keep me updated on the progress. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. MURTHA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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November 16,2009

United States Department of Energy
Loan Guarantee Program
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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RE: Aa-Oil Loan Guarantee under DOE Opportunity No: DE-FOA-0000140

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Ag-Oil's efforts to obtain funding through the United States Department of Energy's "Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects That Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies" Loan Guarantee Program. I am also strongly encouraged by the collaborative partnership between Ag-Oil and the University of Florida's Tropical Research Energy Center (TREC) and Extension Services, and Argonne National Laboratory.

This innovative "shovel-ready" demonstration project will construct a biodiesel refinery to convert vegetable oils (Jatropha Curcas) into biodiesel fuel. My understanding is that Jatropha oil will be obtained from the non-edible feedstock such as from Jatropha curcas trees grown on plantations located directly adjacent to Ag-Oil's biodiesel production facility, which will also serve as an oil extraction facility for other Jatropha growers to process their harvest.

The increases in gas and oil prices over the past few years have created an unprecedented growth in global demand for biodiesel. Biodiesel as an alternative energy resource will not only benefit our nation's environment by deceasing hazardous emissions, but will also expand agricultural opportunities for our struggling farmers, create jobs and reduce our dependence on non-renewable sources of energy.

Ag-Oil's unique concept of both growing the plant and then producing the oil is a balanced approach to our efforts to achieve energy independence, and I believe this project is in keeping with the goals of the Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee.

Quality energy and environmental programs that benefit the State of Florida and the entire nation are among my top priorities. Accordingly, I would request that the U.S. Department of Energy give full and fair consideration to this project for the Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee.

With warm regards,

Robert Wexler

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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you today in support of Vela Gear's application to the Department of Energy for a Loan Guarantee (DOE Solicitation No.: DEFOA-0000140) and Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC).

If this application is approved, Vela Gear could begin to domestically manufacture critical wind turbine components that are currently imported from Europe. Having these components manufactured in America would not only reduce the cost of constructing wind turbines, it also has the potential to create hundreds of good paying jobs in Indiana and across the country. Furthermore, creating this infrastructure in America will allow the United States to promote our energy security and independence.

I want to be helpful to community leaders as they work to improve the quality of life within their communities. I would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of Vela Gear's loan application. Please add my letter of support to this project and send any response to my Central Indiana Regional Director, Andrew Homan. You may reach Mr. Homan at (317) 554-0757 or 1650 Market Tower, 10 West Market St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Landrieu Project No. 997809
Always refer to the Landrieu Project No. when communicating with this office.

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC which has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy for funding under the Loan Guarantee Program.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you of my support for Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC's efforts to construct a renewable diesel facility in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. This facility would work to convert non-edible animal fat and used-cooking oil into renewable diesel. The Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC project is a joint venture between Darling International, Inc. and the Valero Energy Corporation.

Experts believe that this project is shovel ready and could be operational by 2012. I have been told that this project could produce approximately 135 million gallons of renewable diesel a year, while also creating 40 full times jobs and 500 construction jobs. I believe you will find the application to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review.

In closing, I ask for any information that you may now provide on this matter and look forward to hearing from you about the final decision.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary Landrieu

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United States Senator

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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As the Department of Energy begins to review applications for the department's loan guarantee program (FOA-0000140), we would like to bring to your attention a recent application submitted by Diamond Green Fuels, LLC. We ask for your consideration, as its approval would not only have great economic impact on Louisiana and Texas, it would expedite the commercialization of innovative renewable diesel.

Diamond is a partnership between Darling International, Inc. (Darling) of Irving, Texas and the Valero Energy Corporation (Valero), based in San Antonio. Valero is North America's largest independent petroleum refiner and marketer, and Darling is the country's leading provider of rendering, recycling and recovery solutions for our nation's food industry. Combined, these two companies have the technology, expertise and infrastructure to convert animal fats and used-cooking oils into renewable diesel. The joint venture between these two companies would result in the construction of a renewable diesel facility at St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, which would convert non-edible animal fat and used-cooking oil into renewable diesel. It is important to note that this project is ready for construction and can be operational by mid 2012 with appropriate funding.

This facility will have the capability of producing 135 million gallons a year of renewable diesel. In addition to commercializing renewable diesel, it will create 40 full time jobs as well as over 500 construction jobs. Funding from the loan guarantee program can play an important role in its construction. Diamond's proposal presents an opportunity to increase our nation's energy security and provides tremendous environmental benefits.

We appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to request that you give serious consideration to NextLight Energy's request for a loan guarantee for the AV Solar Ranch One, a proposed 230 megawatt solar project located on private land in Los Angeles County, California.

As you know, I strongly support federal policies that encourage the development of solar projects on disturbed private lands, which often lack the environmental sensitivity of more pristine public desert lands.

NextLight Energy has proposed a solar project on a site that has many of the attributes that I believe would make for a well-located solar project. Specifically, the developer informs me that the project will be built on privately owned former agricultural lands; has been unanimously endorsed by the local town council; will require no water for cooling; and is proposed on a site where field researchers have encountered no federal or state listed threatened or endangered species, despite looking for two seasons.

The location of the AV Solar Ranch appears to have been carefully selected. In addition to its environmental attributes, the project site is located in close proximity to the Los Angeles load center, reducing the need for new electric transmission lines. As a result, this project will likely avoid many of the problems faced by solar projects proposed for more sensitive lands or proposed farther from load centers.

I encourage you to conduct a thorough review of this project to determine whether it meets the specific requirements of the Title XVII loan guarantee program. If it does, I encourage you to view this as one of the ideal locations to support solar in California.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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November 17,2009

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I write today to express my support for the consideration of the Northwest Florida Renewable Energy Center's (NWFREC) application for a loan guarantee. This facility will be built in the city of Port St. Joe and will be owned and operated by Biomass Gas and Electric (BG&E) of Florida.

BG&E believes the biomass facility will be able to produce electricity, using biomass feedstock fuels, for a cost equal to or below that of fossil fuels. BG&E expects the plant to create 200 new construction jobs and an additional 75 permanent jobs once it is in operation. They believe this project has the potential to bring valuable jobs to an economically depressed region in a state with high unemployment. Furthermore, they believe it will effectively reduce the carbon footprint of Gulf County by displacing fossil fuel power generation with a carbon neutral plant.

Pending a loan guarantee, BG&E expects construction to begin in the first quarter of 2010 and last approximately 18 months with operation beginning in the third quarter of 2011

~~Gulf Biomass and Electric~~ believes this project will not only meet the national goal of decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels but will also bring valuable, high paying jobs to the region.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our concern about the manner in which the Department of Energy (DOE) is implementing the loan guarantee program for leading edge biofuels, which was included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Act of 2009.

As you may recall, during the House Energy and Commerce Committee's consideration of the ARRA, we successfully included an amendment by voice vote that was designed to boost investment in Leading edge biofuels, making them eligible for loan guarantees under Section 1705 of the Energy Policy and Security Act of 2005. The program was authorized to provide not more than $500 million in low interest, government-backed loans to rapidly deploy the commercial adoption and use of leading edge biofuels projects performing at the pilot or demonstration scale. The funds were to be provided to entities investing in the implementation of technologies that the Secretary determines are likely to become commercial and will produce transportation fuels that substantially reduce life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions compared to other transportation fuels.

Across the nation, efforts are underway to develop biofuels technologies that reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lower our greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs. However, the current economic situation has made access to capital difficult and is inhibiting the ability of these projects to succeed. Expanding the loan guarantee program to include leading edge biofuels will help ensure the continued development of, and investment in, this promising technology.

Unfortunately, we are hearing reports that the DOE loan guarantee is being implemented in a manner that may disqualify leading edge biofuels project applications. In particular, our concern is that DOE may be weighing the applications of emerging technology projects such as cellulosic ethanol wing the same criteria as mature technology projects, and against more mature technologies, such as wind and solar.

Biofuels face unique challenges as they are brought to the market. We are concerned that if they are evaluated in the same manner as others in the renewable energy sector, they could be at a significant disadvantage. Moreover, such criterion is counter to the overall intent of the language included in the ARRA.

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We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you and your staff the implementation process by which you are examining loan guarantee applications for leading edge biofuels under the ARRA loan guarantee language. Please contact Elissa Levin in Rep. Tammy Baldwin's office at 202-225-2906 to schedule a meeting. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Sincerely,

Rep. Tammy Baldwin

Rep. Bruce Braley

cc: Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S.Department of Agriculture
Peter Orszag, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Carol Browner, Director, White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy
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November 19, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you today in support of SolarReserve and their application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program for their 100 megawatt Project Tonopah.

Project Tonopah, when constructed, will be a large-scale solar power generation facility in Nye County, Nevada. This Project will use an innovative new technology that has the capacity to produce nearly 500 gigawatt-hours of annual electricity, enough to power 100,000 homes, using only solar power. Once in operation, Project Tonopah will displace over 1.275 million metric ton equivalent of carbon dioxide every year. The technology for the Project has been developed in the United States and will create 670 new jobs in the development and construction of the facility, retain 170 post-construction jobs. Furthermore, the purchase of plant equipment and the use of transportation services will result in approximately 3,728 indirect U.S. jobs.

Nevada has a 13.3 percent unemployment rate, along with a multitude of underemployed and discouraged workers, but has the potential and resources to begin leading a global effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The goal of the Section 1705 program is to finance projects that are ready to begin construction and create jobs in the near-term, and Project Tonopah will do just that; delivering clean energy and good paying jobs to the people of Nevada. I hope you will keep my recommendation in mind when making your funding decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
United States Senator
Nevada

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November 19, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to you today regarding a matter important to both our state and the nation. More than a year ago, AREVA Enrichment Services filed an application for a front-end loan guarantee to build a new state-of-the-art enrichment facility in Idaho.

Building domestic enrichment capacity, which would contribute to our energy security by providing an assured domestic supply for U.S. utilities, is of great importance. Further, we believe, and feel confident that you would agree, that the knowledge that thousands of jobs will be created once this project is started will be welcome news during these trying economic times.

It is our understanding that the AREVA project has moved on its own path within the loan guarantee office and is now at a stage for consideration. We urge the Department to move forward with all deliberate speed to advance this critical project. We applaud your efforts to date and support your recent steps in appointing a new Executive Director for the Loan Guarantee Program, Jonathan Silver. Given our nation's critical need for new domestic energy sources as well as the need to create new jobs, the loan guarantee program sits at an important juncture.

We would appreciate an opportunity to be briefed by the new Executive Director at his earliest convenience as to how your Department plans to proceed with consideration of the Eagle Rock project. Idaho stands poised to fully support this important project and the many benefits it will bring to our region and country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Mike Crapo
U.S. Senator

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U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Office of the Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I have been following your leadership on alternative energy and SmartGrid technology with interest, and appreciate your focus on these issues both nationally and internationally. I want to highlight a transmission project in the Pacific Northwest that helps you and the country accomplish the Administration's stated goals of grid security, the addition of renewable energy to the transmission grid, regional economic development, and job creation. The Juan de Fuca Cable Project offers a significant opportunity to connect the British Columbia and Bonneville Power Administration transmission systems, thereby helping meet some of our nation's renewable energy goals and facilitating cross-boundary trade with Canada.

The proposed Juan de Fuca Cable Project run between the end of the Bonneville Power Administration's system at Port Angeles, Washington, and the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's system at Victoria, British Columbia. The Juan de Fuca Cable project is the critical missing link allowing new green energy projects to be developed using the abundant renewable resources available in British Columbia to help meet the substantial needs for such energy on the West Coast of North America. It is shovel ready with all of its major environmental permits and approvals from both Canada and the United States already issued; the NEPA process is complete.

As you well know, much of the existing transmission infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest was built approximately 50 years ago. The current grid is a patchwork of segments built by different entities at different times and with different objectives. While ongoing upgrades and reinforcements have made it possible for the grid to generally keep pace with regional needs, reports indicate that transmission paths in this area are chronically congested and the situation is only expected to get worse. The Juan de Fuca Cable significantly adds to the transmission capacity in the greater Northwest and British Columbia by providing an additional 20-30% increase in capacity in the north/south transmission grid west of the Cascade Mountains.

This extra capacity opens up a critical opportunity for the renewable energy industry, especially if renewable energy can be brought to firm other renewable energy sources. For

example, during the heat wave this summer, the wind blowing in the Bonneville Power Administration area died, idling 2,000 MW of wind generation. During the same period, however, wind was blowing strongly on the coast of British Columbia. Differences in the timing of wind energy would allow these separate sites to "firm up" each other without relying on non-wind standby generation.

The necessary pre-condition to this is having sufficient transmission capacity to be able to take advantage of these opportunities. The Juan De Fuca Cable Project offers a key piece of this solution, particularly one that can be acted quickly, especially with its HVDC Light technology. With a robust transmission grid and if correctly managed, a regional approach to balancing intermittent resources could decrease the total cost of integrating renewable resources, increase regional grid stability, and further the goal of developing utility-scale renewable resources.

I understand that the Juan de Fuca Project staff continue to have productive discussions with officials from British Columbia and with the Bonneville Power Administration's team, lead by Deputy Administrator Allen Burns. I also understand that the project proponents will be submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. As this is an important project both to my district and region, and the country as a whole, I would also appreciate your personal attention of this important project. Please let me know if you would like additional information provided to you on this project that I feel is a critical part of America's Smart Grid future.

Sincerely,

Norm Dicks

NORM DICKS
Member of Congress

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November 19, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to lend my full support behind Bannon Automotive LLC's application for a $35 million U.S. Department of Energy loan as part of the section 136 program that was submitted on October 13, 2009. This loan will be used to fund the development of an electric car manufacturing facility in Syracuse, New York.

We have an exciting opportunity in New York State to manufacture environmentally-friendly, affordable vehicles using power management technology originally developed in the United States and used in India by REVA Electric Car Limited. Headquartered in Freeport, New York, Bannon is a company focused on the production of affordable plug-in electric vehicles for the North American automotive market. Reva has granted exclusive rights for U.S. development and production of their electric cars to Bannon Automotive.

The production and sale of these multiple alternative battery electric cars will help curb carbon emissions and also create 250 jobs in Upstate New York as part of the manufacturing operation. Bannon's decision to locate their operation in Syracuse could result in an initial investment of approximately $40 million into the Upstate New York economy, with the potential to reach $50 to $75 million over the next five years. As we transition into a clean energy economy, this company is the perfect example of what the future brings for clean technology manufacturing in producing new jobs and helping to create a cleaner environment.

I ask that you please give this request your full consideration and request that you update my office on the steps needed to move this forward. Please follow up with Jon Cardinal in my Washington, DC office with additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kirsten E. Gillibrand

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November 20, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to you in support of Vela Gear's application for a Loan Guarantee (DOE Solicitation No.: DEFOA-0000140) and Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC) from the Department of Energy.

If this application is selected for an award, Vela Gear could start domestic production and manufacture wind turbine components that are currently not produced in the United States. These good paying jobs could be performed capably here in Indiana and provide a cascade of benefits for hard working Hoosiers across the state. I have long been in support of energy security and independence, which is consistent of my support for this application.

I believe this proposal is fully worthy of your consideration for funding, as this project benefits not just the residents of Indiana, but all of the Ninth District and the constituents I represent. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Trent Deckard, at 812-336-3000 if I can be of further assistance in this process, or at any other time. You may write to Mr. Deckard at 320 W. 8th St., Suite 114, Bloomington, IN 47404.

Sincerely,

Baron P. Hill
Member of Congress

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November 23,2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are pleased to write in support of Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable, LP's ("Sea Breeze") application to the U.S Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This program would assist Sea Breeze in funding the Juan de Fuca Cable Project, which includes the construction and operation of a 30-mile, 550 MW-rated HVDC Light undersea transmission cable that would connect the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's service area in Victoria Island, British Columbia with the Bonneville Power Administration's transmission system in Port Angeles, Washington.

The Juan de Fuca Cable would add capacity to the existing transmission system and is of note because it is currently "shovel ready". We understand that this project can be constructed and ready for use within two years after the project is financed. The financing of this project will include substantial upgrades to the Bonneville Power Administration transmission system, as well as the construction of the cable itself.

This project would also be beneficial due to the immediate and long-term employment opportunities it would create. Direct jobs will be created through the construction of the cable, as well as through the improvements made to the existing transmission system. Through the additional economic opportunities,an increase in power, capacity, and reliability will provide for more employment in the state of Washington, and particularly in the Olympic Peninsula.

We commend Sea Breeze's efforts on the Juan de Fuca Cable Project. Thank you for your consideration of their application. Please contact my Seattle office at 206-553-5545 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
Patty Murray
United States Senator

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

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JAY INSLEE
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November 23,2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: Recovery Act – Loan Guarantees Renewable Energy and Electric Power Transmission Projects
Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express support for the Sea Breeze Juan De Fuca Cable, LP ("Sea Breeze") application identified above for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Sea Breeze proposes to construct and operate a 30-mile, 550 MW – rated HVDC Light® bi-directional undersea transmission cable that would connect the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's service area in Victoria Island, British Columbia with the Bonneville Power Administration's transmission system in Port Angeles, Washington. In addition to the increase in capacity, and connection of intermittent renewable energy from outside the existing Bonneville system, the Sea Breeze project would effectively generate additional capacity in the existing system due to the damping and firming nature of the technology.

Project costs also include substantial upgrades to the existing BPA transmission system. When fully implemented, the project may reduce the need to build, maintain and call upon standby generation, typically from thermal generation plants, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Over the long term, Sea Breeze projects creation of over 32,000 full-time jobs as the result of the additional economic activity associated with the project.

I understand from project proponents that they have received from both the United States and Canada, all of the major environmental and regulatory permits needed to build the Juan de Fuca Cable project. Because Sea Breeze proposes construction and completion within two years from the time of funding, the project qualifies as being "shovel ready." The project provides an opportunity to advance and fulfill important energy priorities for the Pacific Northwest and the United States. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this ARRA application.

Very truly yours,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

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CARL LEVIN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2202

November 24,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of ALTe LLC, an automotive supplier headquartered in Bloomfield, Michigan. ALTe has submitted an application to the Department of Energy's for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP) authorized by section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act.

ALTe has requested funding to support engineering, assembly and integration of various qualified automobile components and software to create powertrain systems for both Series Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Battery Electric Vehicles. These powertrain systems would assist in addressing a number of our nation's priorities including reducing vehicle greenhouse gases emissions and improving vehicle fuel economy. ALTe is requesting federal assistance initially to ramp up production of powertrain kits for retrofit of existing vehicles and then intends to produce powertrain systems for new vehicles. My understanding is that ATLe is also working closely with vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers to obtain commitments to support its plans for full-scale mass production of its powertrain system.

Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to the production of advanced technology vehicles. With its wealth of manufacturing infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to help lead the way in the development of our nation's clean energy manufacturing sector. The new jobs that could be created during this transition will be critical to our nation's economy.

I hope you will give ALTe, LLC due consideration as you work to distribute the ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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JOE BACA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

November 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to urge your support for a renewable fuels and power project that is under development in my district and will soon apply for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy (DOE) under Section 1705, which was created by Congress in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help fund the development of advanced renewable energy project.

The Rentech Rialto Renewable Energy Center in Rialto, CA, will be a break- facility that will produce fuels and power that will have a near-zero carbon footprint. It is not only in alignment with the environmental goals of the State of California, but also very much within the spirit and letter of the objectives laid out by Congress and the Administration in the Act. I am pleased that Rentech, a Los Angeles-based alternative energy company, has selected Rialto as the site for this first-of-a-kind plant. I understand that the project will bring approximately 250 new jobs during construction and create approximately 70 full-time positions at the site once the facility is fully operational. Equally important, it will produce renewable fuels and power that help to reduce our dependence upon foreign oil while improving air quality in Southern California and cutting green house gas emissions.

As I stated above, Rentech will be seeking funding for this project through the DOE's Section 1705 loan guarantee program. This project meets the guidelines established in the ARRA for energy security, environmental benefit and jobs creation and will do so within the timeframe required by the law. It is my understanding that the proposed project is one of the few under development in the State that can contribute to achieving goals set in three of Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Orders on renewable energy and environmental improvements:

1) Executive Order S-06-06: Rentech's Rialto facility will provide enough renewable electricity from green biomass for approximately 30,000 homes and will help meet the Order's goal to increase biomass power utilization in California;

2) Executive Orders S-21-09 and S-14-08: The electricity generated from the Rialto facility will be steady "baseload" power and help meet the Orders' goal of 33 percent of the state's electricity coming from renewable sources by 2020;

3) Executive Order S-01-07: The low-carbon footprint of Rentech's unique renewable fuel, RenDiesel®, will help the transportation sector meet the Order's targets, as established in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels by 2020.

Rialto and many other areas within California's 43rd Congressional district have been especially hard hit by the economic downturn that has gripped our nation. Currently, we are experiencing unemployment rates of 14 percent, 10 percent above the national average.

I strongly believe that the Rentech's Rialto Renewable Energy Center will be a significant contributor not only an economic recovery within my district but also a watershed event in our nation's drive to a clean energy future. I ask for your full support of this project and that you give Rentech's application for funding through the loan guarantee program every consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at (202) 225-6161 if I can provide any additional information in support of this request.

Sincerely,

JOE BACA, Congressman
43rd Congressional District

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November 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Loan Guarantee Program

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of Nanosolar's application to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program for the purpose of advancing the company's plans to expand their manufacturing facility. Nanosolar is a solar company with a roll-to-roll thin film printing process. The company has advanced its technology into volume manufacturing, with $4.1 billion of initial customer contracts secured from bankable customers. A DOE Loan Guarantee for Nanosolar's production expansion may provide benefits to the broader renewable energy industry.

Building out Nanosolar's factory in the United States could provide support to the United States in regaining manufacturing leadership in solar panel technology, which could promote energy security and independence for the United States. Expansion of Nanosolar's annual production may provide for clean and inexpensive renewable electricity while creating more than 3,000 skilled jobs in nanotechnology-enabled manufacturing, advanced product design, finance and administration, and solar system engineering and installation. I am told that third-party analyses of Nanosolar's manufacturing processes have shown that the expanded production of Nanosolar panels for use in solar power plants nationwide will allow for the substitution of energy derived from coal and other conventional energy sources and avoid the generation of more than 4 million tons of greenhouse gases each year.

I support Nanosolar's application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program, and ask that it be given full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda

Mike Honda
Member of Congress

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HARRY REID
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December 2, 2009

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Ms. Nolan:

Enclosed is a letter I have received from Mr. Greg Rice, Chief Financial Officer of Acciona Solar Power as well as a letter from Mr. Jeffrey Vilkin, President of Tradewinds Construction.

In their letters, Mr. Rice and Mr. Vilkin describe how the lack of progress in implementing the 1705 loan guarantee program has prevented the construction of a solar thermal plant near Boulder City, Nevada. This is likely not the only example in the country of such a project being delayed due to the unavailability of these loan guarantees. I would appreciate your reviewing this situation and providing answers to my constituents' concerns. Please send your reply directly to Mr. Rice and to Mr. Vilkin as well as a copy of your response to me. I would greatly appreciate a reply by December 18 if at all possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
United States Senator
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December 3, 2009

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of Molycorp Minerals, LLC. Molycorp is working to secure funding through the Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies program.

The objective of this proposal is to help the United States re-establish domestic production of rare earth metals and magnets, which are indispensable for a wide-variety of clean energy technologies, including next-generation wind turbines.

I understand that through new advances in its production processes, Molycorp seeks to produce 20,000 tons, or 40,000,000 lbs of rare earth oxides (REOs) per year. The project could also create hundreds of new jobs at Molycorp.

Because, the creation of jobs and the advancement of these technologies are both important to Colorado, I ask that you give Molycorp Minerals, LLC application every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall
United States Senator

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JOHN P. MURTHA
12TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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November 16, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Dr. Chu:

I'm writing concerning a small company in Brownsville, PA called Senoj Enterprises. They are a manufacturer of valves for the American Centrifuge Plant. Senoj Enterprises supports the prime contractor Kerotest Manufacturing Corporation under contract number 662572 with USEC Inc.

Both of these companies are in South Western PA which is an economically depressed area and this project has created over 70 jobs for the South Western PA region is poised to supply USEC for the American Centrifuge Plant project in Pinkton Ohio.

Unfortunately, due to a delay in the review of USEC's loan application both Senoj and Kerotest Manufacturing Corporation had to lay-off workers. As I understand once the American Centrifuge Plant project in Pinkton Ohio is completed it will generate over 8,000 jobs nation-wide.

As I am always concerned when there is a loss of jobs in my district, I would appreciate any information you can provide regarding this guaranteed loan application. Also, I ask that you keep me updated on the progress. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. MURTHA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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ROBERT WEXLER

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

November 16,2009

United States Department of Energy
Loan Guarantee Program
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Aa-Oil Loan Guarantee under DOE Opportunity No: DE-FOA-0000140

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of Ag-Oil's efforts to obtain funding through the United States Department of Energy's "Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects That Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies" Loan Guarantee Program. I am also strongly encouraged by the collaborative partnership between Ag-Oil and the University of Florida's Tropical Research Energy Center (TREC) and Extension Services, and Argonne National Laboratory.

This innovative "shovel-ready" demonstration project will construct a biodiesel refinery to convert vegetable oils (Jatropha Curcas) into biodiesel fuel. My understanding is that Jatropha oil will be obtained from the non-edible feedstock such as from Jatropha curcas trees grown on plantations located directly adjacent to Ag-Oil's biodiesel production facility, which will also serve as an oil extraction facility for other Jatropha growers to process their harvest.

The increases in gas and oil prices over the past few years have created an unprecedented growth in global demand for biodiesel. Biodiesel as an alternative energy resource will not only benefit our nation's environment by deceasing hazardous emissions, but will also expand agricultural opportunities for our struggling farmers, create jobs and reduce our dependence on non-renewable sources of energy.

Ag-Oil's unique concept of both growing the plant and then producing the oil is a balanced approach to our efforts to achieve energy independence, and I believe this project is in keeping with the goals of the Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee.

Quality energy and environmental programs that benefit the State of Florida and the entire nation are among my top priorities. Accordingly, I would request that the U.S. Department of Energy give full and fair consideration to this project for the Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee.

With warm regards,

Robert Wexler

Robert Wexler

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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you today in support of Vela Gear's application to the Department of Energy for a Loan Guarantee (DOE Solicitation No.: DEFOA-0000140) and Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC).

If this application is approved, Vela Gear could begin to domestically manufacture critical wind turbine components that are currently imported from Europe. Having these components manufactured in America would not only reduce the cost of constructing wind turbines, it also has the potential to create hundreds of good paying jobs in Indiana and across the country. Furthermore, creating this infrastructure in America will allow the United States to promote our energy security and independence.

I want to be helpful to community leaders as they work to improve the quality of life within their communities. I would greatly appreciate your careful consideration of Vela Gear's loan application. Please add my letter of support to this project and send any response to my Central Indiana Regional Director, Andrew Homan. You may reach Mr. Homan at (317) 554-0757 or 1650 Market Tower, 10 West Market St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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MARY L. LANDRIEU
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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
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RE: Landrieu Project No. 997809
Always refer to the Landrieu Project No. when communicating with this office.

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC which has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy for funding under the Loan Guarantee Program.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you of my support for Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC's efforts to construct a renewable diesel facility in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. This facility would work to convert non-edible animal fat and used-cooking oil into renewable diesel. The Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC project is a joint venture between Darling International, Inc. and the Valero Energy Corporation.

Experts believe that this project is shovel ready and could be operational by 2012. I have been told that this project could produce approximately 135 million gallons of renewable diesel a year, while also creating 40 full times jobs and 500 construction jobs. I believe you will find the application to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review.

In closing, I ask for any information that you may now provide on this matter and look forward to hearing from you about the final decision.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary Landrieu

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C., 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

As the Department of Energy begins to review applications for the department's loan guarantee program (FOA-0000140), we would like to bring to your attention a recent application submitted by Diamond Green Fuels, LLC. We ask for your consideration, as its approval would not only have great economic impact on Louisiana and Texas, it would expedite the commercialization of innovative renewable diesel.

Diamond is a partnership between Darling International, Inc. (Darling) of Irving, Texas and the Valero Energy Corporation (Valero), based in San Antonio. Valero is North America's largest independent petroleum refiner and marketer, and Darling is the country's leading provider of rendering, recycling and recovery solutions for our nation's food industry. Combined, these two companies have the technology, expertise and infrastructure to convert animal fats and used-cooking oils into renewable diesel. The joint venture between these two companies would result in the construction of a renewable diesel facility at St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, which would convert non-edible animal fat and used-cooking oil into renewable diesel. It is important to note that this project is ready for construction and can be operational by mid 2012 with appropriate funding.

This facility will have the capability of producing 135 million gallons a year of renewable diesel. In addition to commercializing renewable diesel, it will create 40 full time jobs as well as over 500 construction jobs. Funding from the loan guarantee program can play an important role in its construction. Diamond's proposal presents an opportunity to increase our nation's energy security and provides tremendous environmental benefits.

We appreciate your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to request that you give serious consideration to NextLight Energy's request for a loan guarantee for the AV Solar Ranch One, a proposed 230 megawatt solar project located on private land in Los Angeles County, California.

As you know, I strongly support federal policies that encourage the development of solar projects on disturbed private lands, which often lack the environmental sensitivity of more pristine public desert lands.

NextLight Energy has proposed a solar project on a site that has many of the attributes that I believe would make for a well-located solar project. Specifically, the developer informs me that the project will be built on privately owned former agricultural lands; has been unanimously endorsed by the local town council; will require no water for cooling; and is proposed on a site where field researchers have encountered no federal or state listed threatened or endangered species, despite looking for two seasons.

The location of the AV Solar Ranch appears to have been carefully selected. In addition to its environmental attributes, the project site is located in close proximity to the Los Angeles load center, reducing the need for new electric transmission lines. As a result, this project will likely avoid many of the problems faced by solar projects proposed for more sensitive lands or proposed farther from load centers.

I encourage you to conduct a thorough review of this project to determine whether it meets the specific requirements of the Title XVII loan guarantee program. If it does, I encourage you to view this as one of the ideal locations to support solar in California.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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November 17,2009

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I write today to express my support for the consideration of the Northwest Florida Renewable Energy Center's (NWFREC) application for a loan guarantee. This facility will be built in the city of Port St. Joe and will be owned and operated by Biomass Gas and Electric (BG&E) of Florida.

BG&E believes the biomass facility will be able to produce electricity, using biomass feedstock fuels, for a cost equal to or below that of fossil fuels. BG&E expects the plant to create 200 new construction jobs and an additional 75 permanent jobs once it is in operation. They believe this project has the potential to bring valuable jobs to an economically depressed region in a state with high unemployment. Furthermore, they believe it will effectively reduce the carbon footprint of Gulf County by displacing fossil fuel power generation with a carbon neutral plant.

Pending a loan guarantee, BG&E expects construction to begin in the first quarter of 2010 and last approximately 18 months with operation beginning in the third quarter of 2011

~~Gulf Biomass and Electric~~ believes this project will not only meet the national goal of decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels but will also bring valuable, high paying jobs to the region.

Sincerely,

Bill Nelson

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Congress of the United States
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November 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our concern about the manner in which the Department of Energy (DOE) is implementing the loan guarantee program for leading edge biofuels, which was included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Act of 2009.

As you may recall, during the House Energy and Commerce Committee's consideration of the ARRA, we successfully included an amendment by voice vote that was designed to boost investment in Leading edge biofuels, making them eligible for loan guarantees under Section 1705 of the Energy Policy and Security Act of 2005. The program was authorized to provide not more than $500 million in low interest, government-backed loans to rapidly deploy the commercial adoption and use of leading edge biofuels projects performing at the pilot or demonstration scale. The funds were to be provided to entities investing in the implementation of technologies that the Secretary determines are likely to become commercial and will produce transportation fuels that substantially reduce life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions compared to other transportation fuels.

Across the nation, efforts are underway to develop biofuels technologies that reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lower our greenhouse gas emissions, and create jobs. However, the current economic situation has made access to capital difficult and is inhibiting the ability of these projects to succeed. Expanding the loan guarantee program to include leading edge biofuels will help ensure the continued development of, and investment in, this promising technology.

Unfortunately, we are hearing reports that the DOE loan guarantee is being implemented in a manner that may disqualify leading edge biofuels project applications. In particular, our concern is that DOE may be weighing the applications of emerging technology projects such as cellulosic ethanol wing the same criteria as mature technology projects, and against more mature technologies, such as wind and solar.

Biofuels face unique challenges as they are brought to the market. We are concerned that if they are evaluated in the same manner as others in the renewable energy sector, they could be at a significant disadvantage. Moreover, such criterion is counter to the overall intent of the language included in the ARRA.

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We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you and your staff the implementation process by which you are examining loan guarantee applications for leading edge biofuels under the ARRA loan guarantee language. Please contact Elissa Levin in Rep. Tammy Baldwin's office at 202-225-2906 to schedule a meeting. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Sincerely,

Rep. Tammy Baldwin

Rep. Bruce Braley

cc: Tom Vilsack, Secretary, U.S.Department of Agriculture
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Henry Waxman, Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee

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November 19, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you today in support of SolarReserve and their application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program for their 100 megawatt Project Tonopah.

Project Tonopah, when constructed, will be a large-scale solar power generation facility in Nye County, Nevada. This Project will use an innovative new technology that has the capacity to produce nearly 500 gigawatt-hours of annual electricity, enough to power 100,000 homes, using only solar power. Once in operation, Project Tonopah will displace over 1.275 million metric ton equivalent of carbon dioxide every year. The technology for the Project has been developed in the United States and will create 670 new jobs in the development and construction of the facility, retain 170 post-construction jobs. Furthermore, the purchase of plant equipment and the use of transportation services will result in approximately 3,728 indirect U.S. jobs.

Nevada has a 13.3 percent unemployment rate, along with a multitude of underemployed and discouraged workers, but has the potential and resources to begin leading a global effort to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The goal of the Section 1705 program is to finance projects that are ready to begin construction and create jobs in the near-term, and Project Tonopah will do just that; delivering clean energy and good paying jobs to the people of Nevada. I hope you will keep my recommendation in mind when making your funding decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
United States Senator
Nevada

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November 19, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to you today regarding a matter important to both our state and the nation. More than a year ago, AREVA Enrichment Services filed an application for a front-end loan guarantee to build a new state-of-the-art enrichment facility in Idaho.

Building domestic enrichment capacity, which would contribute to our energy security by providing an assured domestic supply for U.S. utilities, is of great importance. Further, we believe, and feel confident that you would agree, that the knowledge that thousands of jobs will be created once this project is started will be welcome news during these trying economic times.

It is our understanding that the AREVA project has moved on its own path within the loan guarantee office and is now at a stage for consideration. We urge the Department to move forward with all deliberate speed to advance this critical project. We applaud your efforts to date and support your recent steps in appointing a new Executive Director for the Loan Guarantee Program, Jonathan Silver. Given our nation's critical need for new domestic energy sources as well as the need to create new jobs, the loan guarantee program sits at an important juncture.

We would appreciate an opportunity to be briefed by the new Executive Director at his earliest convenience as to how your Department plans to proceed with consideration of the Eagle Rock project. Idaho stands poised to fully support this important project and the many benefits it will bring to our region and country.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I have been following your leadership on alternative energy and SmartGrid technology with interest, and appreciate your focus on these issues both nationally and internationally. I want to highlight a transmission project in the Pacific Northwest that helps you and the country accomplish the Administration's stated goals of grid security, the addition of renewable energy to the transmission grid, regional economic development, and job creation. The Juan de Fuca Cable Project offers a significant opportunity to connect the British Columbia and Bonneville Power Administration transmission systems, thereby helping meet some of our nation's renewable energy goals and facilitating cross-boundary trade with Canada.

The proposed Juan de Fuca Cable Project run between the end of the Bonneville Power Administration's system at Port Angeles, Washington, and the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's system at Victoria, British Columbia. The Juan de Fuca Cable project is the critical missing link allowing new green energy projects to be developed using the abundant renewable resources available in British Columbia to help meet the substantial needs for such energy on the West Coast of North America. It is shovel ready with all of its major environmental permits and approvals from both Canada and the United States already issued; the NEPA process is complete.

As you well know, much of the existing transmission infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest was built approximately 50 years ago. The current grid is a patchwork of segments built by different entities at different times and with different objectives. While ongoing upgrades and reinforcements have made it possible for the grid to generally keep pace with regional needs, reports indicate that transmission paths in this area are chronically congested and the situation is only expected to get worse. The Juan de Fuca Cable significantly adds to the transmission capacity in the greater Northwest and British Columbia by providing an additional 20-30% increase in capacity in the north/south transmission grid west of the Cascade Mountains.

This extra capacity opens up a critical opportunity for the renewable energy industry, especially if renewable energy can be brought to firm other renewable energy sources. For

example, during the heat wave this summer, the wind blowing in the Bonneville Power Administration area died, idling 2,000 MW of wind generation. During the same period, however, wind was blowing strongly on the coast of British Columbia. Differences in the timing of wind energy would allow these separate sites to "firm up" each other without relying on non-wind standby generation.

The necessary pre-condition to this is having sufficient transmission capacity to be able to take advantage of these opportunities. The Juan De Fuca Cable Project offers a key piece of this solution, particularly one that can be acted quickly, especially with its HVDC Light technology. With a robust transmission grid and if correctly managed, a regional approach to balancing intermittent resources could decrease the total cost of integrating renewable resources, increase regional grid stability, and further the goal of developing utility-scale renewable resources.

I understand that the Juan de Fuca Project staff continue to have productive discussions with officials from British Columbia and with the Bonneville Power Administration's team, lead by Deputy Administrator Allen Burns. I also understand that the project proponents will be submitting an application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. As this is an important project both to my district and region, and the country as a whole, I would also appreciate your personal attention of this important project. Please let me know if you would like additional information provided to you on this project that I feel is a critical part of America's Smart Grid future.

Sincerely,

Norm Dicks

NORM DICKS
Member of Congress

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November 19, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to lend my full support behind Bannon Automotive LLC's application for a $35 million U.S. Department of Energy loan as part of the section 136 program that was submitted on October 13, 2009. This loan will be used to fund the development of an electric car manufacturing facility in Syracuse, New York.

We have an exciting opportunity in New York State to manufacture environmentally-friendly, affordable vehicles using power management technology originally developed in the United States and used in India by REVA Electric Car Limited. Headquartered in Freeport, New York, Bannon is a company focused on the production of affordable plug-in electric vehicles for the North American automotive market. Reva has granted exclusive rights for U.S. development and production of their electric cars to Bannon Automotive.

The production and sale of these multiple alternative battery electric cars will help curb carbon emissions and also create 250 jobs in Upstate New York as part of the manufacturing operation. Bannon's decision to locate their operation in Syracuse could result in an initial investment of approximately $40 million into the Upstate New York economy, with the potential to reach $50 to $75 million over the next five years. As we transition into a clean energy economy, this company is the perfect example of what the future brings for clean technology manufacturing in producing new jobs and helping to create a cleaner environment.

I ask that you please give this request your full consideration and request that you update my office on the steps needed to move this forward. Please follow up with Jon Cardinal in my Washington, DC office with additional information or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kirsten E. Gillibrand

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November 20, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C., 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to you in support of Vela Gear's application for a Loan Guarantee (DOE Solicitation No.: DEFOA-0000140) and Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC) from the Department of Energy.

If this application is selected for an award, Vela Gear could start domestic production and manufacture wind turbine components that are currently not produced in the United States. These good paying jobs could be performed capably here in Indiana and provide a cascade of benefits for hard working Hoosiers across the state. I have long been in support of energy security and independence, which is consistent of my support for this application.

I believe this proposal is fully worthy of your consideration for funding, as this project benefits not just the residents of Indiana, but all of the Ninth District and the constituents I represent. Please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Trent Deckard, at 812-336-3000 if I can be of further assistance in this process, or at any other time. You may write to Mr. Deckard at 320 W. 8th St., Suite 114, Bloomington, IN 47404.

Sincerely,

Baron P. Hill
Member of Congress

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November 23,2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are pleased to write in support of Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable, LP's ("Sea Breeze") application to the U.S Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This program would assist Sea Breeze in funding the Juan de Fuca Cable Project, which includes the construction and operation of a 30-mile, 550 MW-rated HVDC Light undersea transmission cable that would connect the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's service area in Victoria Island, British Columbia with the Bonneville Power Administration's transmission system in Port Angeles, Washington.

The Juan de Fuca Cable would add capacity to the existing transmission system and is of note because it is currently "shovel ready". We understand that this project can be constructed and ready for use within two years after the project is financed. The financing of this project will include substantial upgrades to the Bonneville Power Administration transmission system, as well as the construction of the cable itself.

This project would also be beneficial due to the immediate and long-term employment opportunities it would create. Direct jobs will be created through the construction of the cable, as well as through the improvements made to the existing transmission system. Through the additional economic opportunities,an increase in power, capacity, and reliability will provide for more employment in the state of Washington, and particularly in the Olympic Peninsula.

We commend Sea Breeze's efforts on the Juan de Fuca Cable Project. Thank you for your consideration of their application. Please contact my Seattle office at 206-553-5545 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
Patty Murray
United States Senator

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

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JAY INSLEE
1ST DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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November 23,2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: Recovery Act – Loan Guarantees Renewable Energy and Electric Power Transmission Projects
Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express support for the Sea Breeze Juan De Fuca Cable, LP ("Sea Breeze") application identified above for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Sea Breeze proposes to construct and operate a 30-mile, 550 MW – rated HVDC Light® bi-directional undersea transmission cable that would connect the British Columbia Transmission Corporation's service area in Victoria Island, British Columbia with the Bonneville Power Administration's transmission system in Port Angeles, Washington. In addition to the increase in capacity, and connection of intermittent renewable energy from outside the existing Bonneville system, the Sea Breeze project would effectively generate additional capacity in the existing system due to the damping and firming nature of the technology.

Project costs also include substantial upgrades to the existing BPA transmission system. When fully implemented, the project may reduce the need to build, maintain and call upon standby generation, typically from thermal generation plants, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Over the long term, Sea Breeze projects creation of over 32,000 full-time jobs as the result of the additional economic activity associated with the project.

I understand from project proponents that they have received from both the United States and Canada, all of the major environmental and regulatory permits needed to build the Juan de Fuca Cable project. Because Sea Breeze proposes construction and completion within two years from the time of funding, the project qualifies as being "shovel ready." The project provides an opportunity to advance and fulfill important energy priorities for the Pacific Northwest and the United States. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this ARRA application.

Very truly yours,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

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CARL LEVIN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2202

November 24,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing on behalf of ALTe LLC, an automotive supplier headquartered in Bloomfield, Michigan. ALTe has submitted an application to the Department of Energy's for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP) authorized by section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act.

ALTe has requested funding to support engineering, assembly and integration of various qualified automobile components and software to create powertrain systems for both Series Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles and Battery Electric Vehicles. These powertrain systems would assist in addressing a number of our nation's priorities including reducing vehicle greenhouse gases emissions and improving vehicle fuel economy. ALTe is requesting federal assistance initially to ramp up production of powertrain kits for retrofit of existing vehicles and then intends to produce powertrain systems for new vehicles. My understanding is that ATLe is also working closely with vehicle manufacturers and component suppliers to obtain commitments to support its plans for full-scale mass production of its powertrain system.

Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to assist in the transition to the production of advanced technology vehicles. With its wealth of manufacturing infrastructure and highly skilled workers, Michigan is well equipped to help lead the way in the development of our nation's clean energy manufacturing sector. The new jobs that could be created during this transition will be critical to our nation's economy.

I hope you will give ALTe, LLC due consideration as you work to distribute the ATVMLP funding in a fair and competitive manner.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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JOE BACA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

November 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to urge your support for a renewable fuels and power project that is under development in my district and will soon apply for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy (DOE) under Section 1705, which was created by Congress in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help fund the development of advanced renewable energy project.

The Rentech Rialto Renewable Energy Center in Rialto, CA, will be a break- facility that will produce fuels and power that will have a near-zero carbon footprint. It is not only in alignment with the environmental goals of the State of California, but also very much within the spirit and letter of the objectives laid out by Congress and the Administration in the Act. I am pleased that Rentech, a Los Angeles-based alternative energy company, has selected Rialto as the site for this first-of-a-kind plant. I understand that the project will bring approximately 250 new jobs during construction and create approximately 70 full-time positions at the site once the facility is fully operational. Equally important, it will produce renewable fuels and power that help to reduce our dependence upon foreign oil while improving air quality in Southern California and cutting green house gas emissions.

As I stated above, Rentech will be seeking funding for this project through the DOE's Section 1705 loan guarantee program. This project meets the guidelines established in the ARRA for energy security, environmental benefit and jobs creation and will do so within the timeframe required by the law. It is my understanding that the proposed project is one of the few under development in the State that can contribute to achieving goals set in three of Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Orders on renewable energy and environmental improvements:

1) Executive Order S-06-06: Rentech's Rialto facility will provide enough renewable electricity from green biomass for approximately 30,000 homes and will help meet the Order's goal to increase biomass power utilization in California;

2) Executive Orders S-21-09 and S-14-08: The electricity generated from the Rialto facility will be steady "baseload" power and help meet the Orders' goal of 33 percent of the state's electricity coming from renewable sources by 2020;

3) Executive Order S-01-07: The low-carbon footprint of Rentech's unique renewable fuel, RenDiesel®, will help the transportation sector meet the Order's targets, as established in the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels by 2020.

Rialto and many other areas within California's 43rd Congressional district have been especially hard hit by the economic downturn that has gripped our nation. Currently, we are experiencing unemployment rates of 14 percent, 10 percent above the national average.

I strongly believe that the Rentech's Rialto Renewable Energy Center will be a significant contributor not only an economic recovery within my district but also a watershed event in our nation's drive to a clean energy future. I ask for your full support of this project and that you give Rentech's application for funding through the loan guarantee program every consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me at (202) 225-6161 if I can provide any additional information in support of this request.

Sincerely,

JOE BACA, Congressman
43rd Congressional District

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November 30, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Loan Guarantee Program

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of Nanosolar's application to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program for the purpose of advancing the company's plans to expand their manufacturing facility. Nanosolar is a solar company with a roll-to-roll thin film printing process. The company has advanced its technology into volume manufacturing, with $4.1 billion of initial customer contracts secured from bankable customers. A DOE Loan Guarantee for Nanosolar's production expansion may provide benefits to the broader renewable energy industry.

Building out Nanosolar's factory in the United States could provide support to the United States in regaining manufacturing leadership in solar panel technology, which could promote energy security and independence for the United States. Expansion of Nanosolar's annual production may provide for clean and inexpensive renewable electricity while creating more than 3,000 skilled jobs in nanotechnology-enabled manufacturing, advanced product design, finance and administration, and solar system engineering and installation. I am told that third-party analyses of Nanosolar's manufacturing processes have shown that the expanded production of Nanosolar panels for use in solar power plants nationwide will allow for the substitution of energy derived from coal and other conventional energy sources and avoid the generation of more than 4 million tons of greenhouse gases each year.

I support Nanosolar's application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program, and ask that it be given full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda

Mike Honda
Member of Congress

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December 2, 2009

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Ms. Nolan:

Enclosed is a letter I have received from Mr. Greg Rice, Chief Financial Officer of Acciona Solar Power as well as a letter from Mr. Jeffrey Vilkin, President of Tradewinds Construction.

In their letters, Mr. Rice and Mr. Vilkin describe how the lack of progress in implementing the 1705 loan guarantee program has prevented the construction of a solar thermal plant near Boulder City, Nevada. This is likely not the only example in the country of such a project being delayed due to the unavailability of these loan guarantees. I would appreciate your reviewing this situation and providing answers to my constituents' concerns. Please send your reply directly to Mr. Rice and to Mr. Vilkin as well as a copy of your response to me. I would greatly appreciate a reply by December 18 if at all possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
United States Senator
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December 3, 2009

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of Molycorp Minerals, LLC. Molycorp is working to secure funding through the Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies program.

The objective of this proposal is to help the United States re-establish domestic production of rare earth metals and magnets, which are indispensable for a wide-variety of clean energy technologies, including next-generation wind turbines.

I understand that through new advances in its production processes, Molycorp seeks to produce 20,000 tons, or 40,000,000 lbs of rare earth oxides (REOs) per year. The project could also create hundreds of new jobs at Molycorp.

Because, the creation of jobs and the advancement of these technologies are both important to Colorado, I ask that you give Molycorp Minerals, LLC application every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall
United States Senator

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December 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to ask for your assistance to remedy a problem involving SAGE Electrochromics (a Minnesota-based company) that threatens to further the delay the financing of its renewable energy window systems manufacturing plant. The Department of Energy (DOE) recently reversed its position on SAGE's eligibility for a Section 1705 risk coverage exemption under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This will impose a large financial penalty on SAGE, and have an extremely detrimental impact on its plan to proceed with its high-volume manufacturing facility. I am concerned that DOE's decision may have inadvertently overlooked important criteria for the 1705 determination—SAGE's product's ability to dynamically control the sun's energy, and its incorporation of photovoltaics into SAGE glass and SAGE installations. I would ask your assistance in a speedy review and reversal of this decision or, in the alternative, in finding additional funds from the Recovery Act to help keep this invaluable project on track.

SAGE Electrochromics has 100 employees, and possesses the world's leading high-performance dynamic glass technology, developed over a 20-year period with extensive DOE support and funding. It is widely perceived by green building experts as one of the most important energy saving, green building technologies in the world. SAGE is raising $150 million in equity and debt to build its manufacturing facility in Minnesota. Construction was slated to begin early in 2010, with production starting in late 2011. The plant would employ an additional 200 people in Minnesota, and would likely be the first of many production plants.

In 2005, as part of its efforts to finance the plant, SAGE applied to DOE for a loan guarantee under the Section 1703 "Loan Guarantee for Projects that Employ Innovative Technologies." SAGE became one of 16 successful program applicants in 2008.

Beginning in early 2009, SAGE entered into term sheet negotiations with DOE, and over the course of the year, through meetings, presentations, and exchanges with DOE, co-developed a detailed manufacturing plant financial model that reflected DOE assumptions and requirements for equity, collateralization, loan coverage, and other financial and operating criteria. Based on these mutually developed assumptions, this model includes no allowance for risk premium coverage (the credit subsidy fee), reflecting the DOE's oral indications to SAGE that the project would qualify for the waiver.

Contemporaneously, SAGE proceeded to line up needed equity funding for the project on terms that reflected the expected availability of funding of the credit subsidy cost through appropriated funds under Section 1705. Having contacted numerous investor groups seeking equity funding for the factory, SAGE had expected to close the equity round on terms and

conditions largely designed and required by DOE for this project. It was not until October 2009 that the Loan Guarantee Program Office requested, and SAGE promptly submitted, additional information demonstrating that SAGE's project constituted an eligible Section 1705 renewable energy system. SAGE submitted information explaining that the photovoltaic panels not only generate power to drive electrochromic dimming, but they also provide additional power to the buildings in which they are installed.

Two weeks ago, DOE reversed its position and ruled the SAGE project ineligible for the 1705 risk coverage exemption. DOE has not specified the size of the financial penalty this decision would result in, but SAGE estimates that it will be in the range of $20 to $25 million. DOE's reversal at such a late stage fundamentally changes SAGE's financing needs, structure, and equity and debt terms for the financing plan for the facility. Unfortunately, the change drastically undermines the project's plans, and will require SAGE to develop entirely new plant financing, returning to all the investor groups with a less attractive financial framework. The enormous burden this adds at today's juncture severely undermines all of SAGE's prior fundraising work and creates difficulty by requiring SAGE to re-approach firms for funding on these new terms.

DOE's decision puts this large-scale manufacturing facility in jeopardy, not only eliminating 200 new jobs in Minnesota, but also inhibiting the growth of one the country's most promising energy efficiency technologies – one that DOE itself has spent years in developing and funding. I now ask the DOE to re-evaluate whether the SAGE renewable energy window system will indeed generate electricity or thermal energy, or will constitute a facility that manufactures related components. In so doing, I believe that DOE will confirm that the text of 1705 does not mandate that the Department require the generation of electricity or thermal energy be the sole, primary, substantial, or significant purpose of an eligible renewable energy system, and that Congress was capable of explicitly mandating if that indeed was its intent.

The Department of Energy has, under your leadership, repeatedly urged our nation to pursue energy efficiency as a primary front in the effort to slow climate change and reduce America's reliance on fossil fuels. SAGE's renewable energy window system meets both of these goals. I would appreciate you reviewing this recent decision or, in the alternative, help identify other means by which to keep this project on track with other Recovery Act funds. DOE must not derail this critical clean energy technology at such an important juncture. I hope that we can work together to allow this project to move forward.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me, or Peach Soltis of my staff, at 202-224-5641 should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Al Franken
United States Senator

cc: Senator Amy Klobuchar
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December 10, 2009

Ms. Lisa Epifani
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, Sw
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: [redacted]

Dear Ms. Epifani:

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from the above-referenced constituent. I would appreciate your review of this information in accordance with established policies and procedures. Upon completion of your review, please forward clarification of your findings to the address below.

In the event my office may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Nicholas Colella at (770) 661-0999. Thank you for your efforts in this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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December 11,2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: International Woodfuels' Loan Guarantee Application / DE-FOE-0000140

Dear Secretary Chu,

It has recently come to my attention that International Woodfuels – a company interested in locating a pellet manufacturing facility in Burnham, Maine – sought a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy under its ***Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies*** program. Much to their disappointment, they were informed via email that their application was "... insufficiently responsive to the requirements of the solicitation ..." and, accordingly, were denied further consideration.

In the email from your department (attached), the company was told that its application contained inadequate information relating to its: (1) sponsor capabilities; (2) project location; (3) potential environmental impacts; (4) potential project off-take; and (5) legal authority. Surprised and perplexed by the ambiguous list of deficiencies, the company responded and reaffirmed its qualifications in a point-by-point rebuttal (attached).

Given that this project will provide extraordinary dividends to the State of Maine, it is imperative that the company receive a better explanation of its denial other than the one supplied by the attached email -- especially in light of the tremendous cost and effort expended in producing the application, not to mention the job creation and retention components of the project. Further, I would appreciate an explanation of the process, if it exists, for appealing the Department's decision so I can inform the company of its options.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of International Woodfuels. I appreciate your assistance. Please contact Brian Whitney, my Director of Outreach & Economic Development, with any questions. Brian can be reached at (207) 622-8292.

Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States

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December 11, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing in reference to the application submitted by Molycorp Minerals, LLC (Molycorp), to the Department of Energy's Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program.

I have been interested in the issue of rare earth minerals for quite awhile as they are used in the manufacture of components of our burgeoning clean energy sector, such as next generation wind turbines, advanced batteries, electric drive vehicles, and compact fluorescent lighting, as well as important defense weaponry like precision-guided missiles and smart bombs.

Given that China provides 97% of the world's rare earth minerals, nearly 100% of the derived metals, and 75% of the rare earth magnets, access to rare earth minerals is a vital economic and national security issue. With the Chinese government recently announcing its intentions to curtail exports of its rich rare earth resources in order to direct them toward its own aggressive development of renewable energy technology, I believe it is important for the United States to explore restarting domestic production of rare earth minerals.

Molycorp claims that its proposed project will restart domestic, commercial-scale production of rare earth minerals and begin to rebuild America's ability to manufacture the critical metals and permanent magnets that derive from rare earths. They add that this project will provide the foundation for a complete domestic supply chain for these critical metals and magnets, create hundreds of new, well-paying manufacturing jobs, and improve the nation's competitive position in the emerging clean energy sector in the shortest possible timeframe.

They further state that their need for the loan guarantee is due to the extremely capital intensive nature of this project, and given the current state of the financial markets and bank financing terms (high interest rates and payback periods of 5 years or less), Molycorp will not be able to finance their development through traditional financing channels.

Given the importance of this topic for our future, I encourage you to give full and fair consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

Mike Coffman
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 16, 2009

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our nation's energy future and your stewardship of the Department of Energy's (DOE) laboratories and facilities. As our economy continues to recover and our nation works to develop new sources of low-carbon energy, we want to again highlight the importance of the American Centrifuge Project (ACP) currently under construction in Piketon, Ohio.

Utilizing technology developed by the DOE and the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), the ACP represents an excellent opportunity to provide the dependable, long term, U.S.-owned nuclear fuel production capability needed to support the country's nuclear power plants, while fostering domestic job creation and technology development. The ACP is a step in the right direction for ensuring that American technology and American workers continue to be the world leaders in nuclear technology. Not only will the ACP bring much needed jobs to Ohio, Tennessee and eight other states, it will reduce our nation's reliance on foreign sources of energy. The ACP will solidify America's leadership in uranium enrichment technology, creating approximately 8,000 direct and indirect jobs across the country, with a large number of those jobs in the regions hardest hit by the economy.

Since the Department of Energy's August 4th announcement to defer a decision on the American Centrifuge Project loan guarantee application, over 1,300 jobs have been lost. We are greatly concerned that this job loss will continue, jeopardizing our common goal of strengthening our domestic energy independence. We fully support your August 4th commitment to invest $45 million over 18 months to further demonstrate and mitigate risk in the centrifuge technology. Unfortunately, no funding was appropriated in the Department's Fiscal 2010 budget to support this critical activity. However, we urge you to explore all possible options to invest in this critical technology, and we stand ready to support you with this effort.

Mr. Secretary, we believe it is imperative that we invest in critical technologies while at the same time ensuring that the critical workforce to develop, manufacturer, and operate these facilities is maintained. We are confident that any plan you develop to fund investment in the American Centrifuge Project and its workforce will be well received. We look forward to working with you to make this happen.

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Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 16, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, Southwest
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your work on behalf of all Americans on energy issues. As you may know, SAGE Electrochromics, Inc. (SAGE), a high-tech green manufacturing company in Faribault, Minnesota, has recently been notified by the Loan Guarantee Program Office (LGPO) at the Department of Energy that it is not qualified for Section 1705 risk coverage exemption under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This decision was a reversal of an earlier DOE decision in which SAGE had been notified of its eligibility for a loan guarantee. The reversal in eligibility will force SAGE to substantially delay or cancel the establishment of a new manufacturing plant that will produce renewable energy window systems and create new jobs in the community. We request that you review this recent reversal of the SAGE technology's qualification for funding under Section 1705.

Over the past 20 years, with significant support from the DOE, SAGE has developed a high-performance dynamic glass technology called SageGlass. It provides significantly improved energy efficiencies as a result of its ability to dynamically control solar energy and generate electricity from photovoltaic cells incorporated to power the windows and provide incremental excess power for other purposes.

SAGE is raising $150 million in equity and debt to build its manufacturing facility in Minnesota. It was one of the sixteen original applicants to be accepted under the "Innovative Technologies" loan program established under Section 1703 of Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The ARRA established Section 1705, which provided for a waiver of the credit subsidy fee, and SAGE was advised orally by DOE that it would qualify under the "renewable" criteria provided in Section 1705, entitling it to the waiver. The company has worked with the LGPO to develop a financial plan for the project and it was explicit that the company qualified under Section 1705.

On December 4, 2009, the Director of the LGPO notified SAGE that "Congress would not consider the Project's process to be thermal energy generation that qualifies for funding under Section 1705." While we respect the hard work and technical expertise of DOE staff and understand that many important energy projects deserve the Department's resources, we are concerned with the fact that this late stage reversal fundamentally changes the SAGE plant's financing needs, and presents serious hurdles for the company to raise the capital needed to proceed with the project. The LGPO decision has put the viability of SAGE's critical new energy efficiency technology in jeopardy. Accordingly, we request you engage in an additional thorough analysis of the SageGlass system to ensure the LGPO's determination is accurate.

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Like you, we believe we need to increase efforts to conserve energy and develop energy-efficient technologies to reduce America's reliance on fossil fuels. SAGE offers such a technology, having the ability to reduce electricity consumption in buildings by up to a remarkable 30%. Additionally, SAGE employs 100 people in southern Minnesota, and the plant would require construction of a large building, followed by the creation of close to 200 permanent manufacturing and engineering jobs in Minnesota. Construction had been expected to commence shortly, and the plant was to become operational before the end of 2011. Considering that millions of Americans continue to struggle without employment, we are hopeful you will keep in mind the creation of jobs under this project as you consider reassessing its eligibility for funding.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. We request you keep us apprised of your actions. Please feel free to contact Yelena Vaynberg or Andrew Grimes at 202-225-2271 in Congressman Kline's office or Andrea Fetherston at 202-225-2472 in Congressman Walz's office regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

JOHN KLINE
Member of Congress

TIM WALZ
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

December 17, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to bring to your attention several loan guarantee applications submitted to the Department of Energy for funding under section 1705 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will support advanced clean energy projects in the State of Michigan.

The State of Michigan, through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), has developed an aggressive strategy to diversify our economy through investments in growth sectors that build on the state's strengths in advanced manufacturing, research and development, and engineering and design. One of these sectors is alternative energy and energy efficiency.

To that end, the MEDC has pursued initiatives to establish, grow and sustain alternative energy clusters in six targeted industries, including advanced energy storage, wind turbine manufacturing, and solar and photovoltaic technology. These efforts leverage investments of the private sector, universities and national laboratories, as well as state and local government.

This model was successfully demonstrated in the area of advanced battery technology, and we greatly appreciate the Department of Energy's recognition of these highly focused efforts with its significant investment in Michigan to support domestic advanced battery and electric vehicle manufacturing

The funding made available for the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program under Section 1705 of the ARRA is designed to help leading companies access credit and make significant investments in various clean energy sectors, including solar, energy storage, and wind. Because the loan guarantee program parallels our state's strategy to advance key energy sectors, we want to highlight several key Michigan opportunities for partnerships under this program, including –

- Suniva, Inc. - This application includes manufacture of high-efficiency solar panels with a $250 million investment in Saginaw County that will create 500 jobs and lead to annual PV production with the capacity to power 100,000 homes.

- United Solar Ovonics - This application includes upgrade of six manufacturing lines at existing facilities in Michigan to begin production of higher-efficiency rooftop photovoltaic cells, resulting in the creation of 880 jobs in Michigan.

- Xtreme Power Solutions – This application includes manufacture of energy storage systems to support up to 10,000 MW of renewable power globally and, along with Clairvoyant Energy, redevelopment of Ford's Wixom Plant into one of the world's largest renewable energy parks, creating 3,000 direct jobs.

- Clairvoyant Energy - This application includes manufacture and production of up to 2.5 million photovoltaic cells annually and, along with Xtreme Power Solutions, redevelopment of the Ford Wixom Plant, creating an additional 1,000 direct jobs.

Each of these applicants has recently submitted a Part II application, consistent with the requirements of the loan guarantee program. We believe these applications are worthy of serious consideration by the Department of Energy.

Mr. Secretary, thank you again for your efforts to promote the development of clean energy in Michigan and across the country. We hope to continue working with you and help Michigan lead in advancing solutions that will create jobs, protect the environment, and strengthen our nation's energy security.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senator

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 18, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing you to express our strong support ~~for the Department of Energy's Title XVII loan~~ guarantee programs created by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This program will enable the government to support early commercialization projects that utilize innovative advanced energy technologies to improve environmental quality, create jobs, and secure our energy future. As access to venture capital has dried during this current economic downturn, the loan guarantee program has become increasingly critical to bringing these new projects online. However, we are concerned that the DOE has been slow to award these loan guarantees, leaving companies to delay construction and job creation.

Under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Congress appropriated approximately $50 billion in section 1703 loan guarantee capacity, of which $18.5 billion was designated for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 created section 1705 and authorized an additional $4 billion of credit subsidy funds for loan guarantee projects that provided rapid deployment of renewable energy systems. To date, the DOE has only issued a handful of loan guarantees.

One concern we have heard from applicants is that the financial review has held up the approval process. The loan guarantee program was created to overcome the investment gap for innovative projects seeking competitive financing. By their very nature, these projects are usually ineligible for commercial lending, because conventional commercial banking evaluations fail to weigh the risk with the reward of advancing new energy technology for our energy security. We support a review process that evaluates the merit of the project as well and the financial risk to determine if the project is reasonable for advancing new technology.

We believe the loan guarantee program has the potential to create thousands of new jobs. Abound Solar, an applicant with facilities in Colorado and Indiana, will directly employ more than 400 people in Colorado and 1,200 people in Indiana once they reach full production. While the DOE continues to consider this project, delays associated with the application process have pushed the project back, potentially harming its market position and delaying the creation of high-paying U.S. manufacturing jobs and the growth of the renewable energy sector.

As Congress continues to focus on ways to create jobs, we urge you to reevaluate the loan guarantee program for ways to streamline the application review process. We applaud last

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month's announcement naming Jonathan Silver as the new Executive Director of the loan program office, and respectfully request an update on the financial review process. We thank you for your leadership, and for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall
U.S. Senator

Michael Bennet
U.S. Senator

Betsy Markey
U.S. Representative

Diana DeGette
U.S. Representative

Ed Perlmutter
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cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director DOE Loan Guarantee Program
Matt Rogers, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for the Recovery Act

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 21, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our nation's energy future and your stewardship of the Department of Energy's (DOE) laboratories and facilities. As our economy continues to recover and our nation works to develop new sources of low-carbon energy, we want to again highlight the importance the American Centrifuge Project (ACP) currently under construction in Piketon, Ohio.

Utilizing technology developed by the DOE and the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), the ACP represents an excellent opportunity to provide the dependable, long term, U.S.-owned nuclear fuel production capability needed to support the country's nuclear power plants, while fostering domestic job creation and technology development. The ACP is a step in the right direction for ensuring that American technology and American workers continue to be world leaders in the nuclear industry. Not only will the ACP bring much needed jobs to Ohio, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Alabama, South Carolina, Indiana, Utah, and California, it will also reduce our nation's reliance on foreign sources of energy. The ACP will solidify America's leadership in uranium enrichment technology, creating approximately 8,000 direct and indirect jobs across the country, with a large number of those jobs in the regions hardest hit by the economy.

Since the Department of Energy's August 4th announcement to defer a decision on the American Centrifuge Project loan guarantee application, over 1,300 jobs have been lost. We are greatly concerned that this job loss will continue, jeopardizing our common goal of strengthening our domestic energy independence. We fully support your August 4th commitment to invest $45 million over 18 months to further demonstrate and mitigate risk in the centrifuge technology. Unfortunately, no funding was appropriated in the Department's Fiscal 2010 budget to support this critical activity. However, we urge you to explore all possible options to invest in this critical technology, and we stand ready to support you with this effort.

Mr. Secretary, we believe it is imperative that we invest in critical technologies while at the same time ensuring that the skilled workforce necessary for developing, manufacturing, and operating these facilities is maintained. We are confident that any plan you develop to fund investment in the American Centrifuge Project and its workforce will be well received.

We look forward to working with you to make this happen.

Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
DEBBIE HALVORSON
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December 23, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois to express my support for the loan guarantee application submitted by Cristal US/(d.b.a) International Titanium Powder (ITP) to construct and operate the world's first commercial titanium powder production facility.

I understand a successful outcome from this loan guarantee process will ensure the manufacturing facility at Ottawa, Illinois, which will use the Armstrong Process® for the low-cost production of titanium powder and titanium alloy powder, remains on schedule for operation beginning in 2010. This innovative project also promises to dramatically improve the energy efficiency of the titanium production process and reduce the overall environmental footprint for titanium production.

Moreover, the ITP project will make low costs titanium parts available for a wide variety of applications from military systems to consumer goods. One such example is medical parts. I serve on the Veterans Affairs Committee in the United States House of Representatives and in this capacity, I have heard fi-om many veterans who have expressed great concern about the high costs of specialized prosthetics. Greater availability of more affordable medical parts made from lower costing titanium could address this concern. Our brave men and women who served this country deserve the best care we can provide and safe, long lasting, and affordable medical parts should be a part of that care. The ITP project will create this opportunity.

I have visited the manufacturing facility and would encourage you and your staff to do likewise. I am convinced it will be a positive experience that will create a great deal of excitement. This application presents a tremendous opportunity for the United States to become the low cost titanium production capital of the world. Creating a new energy efficient, environmentally friendly industry that produces high tech jobs is a worthy project this country needs to sustain a rigorous economic recovery. I believe the

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ITP project will do just that.

Thank you for your consideration of my support. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (202) 225-3635.

Sincerely,

Debbie Halvorson

Debbie Halvorson
Member of Congress

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December 29, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
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U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: Aptera Motors, Inc.

Dear Secretary Chu:

It is with pleasure that I write in support of the Aptera Motors, Inc.'s application for a loan under the Department of Energy's § 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP). Aptera would like to establish U.S. manufacturing facilities for the production of its plug-in and hybrid electric vehicles (EV) by purchasing manufacturing facilities and equipment, and by performing the engineering work that is necessary to begin commercial-scale production of the Aptera 2e and 2h vehicles.

Guided by principles of value based sustainability, efficiency and innovative use of design/materials, the idea behind the Aptera vehicle was initiated at a business incubator in my congressional district. Aptera's initiative will expedite the nation's shift away from fossil fuels, reduce dependence on foreign sources of oil, enhance U.S. energy security, and expedite reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

I am looking forward to Aptera's next-generation electric vehicle technology and its plans for rapid commercialization. Approval of Aptera's ATVMLP will help create sustainable clean technology jobs in the United States.

Thank you for the leadership you provide at the Department of Energy. If I may be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program
Attention: Chris Foster
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: Department of Energy: Direct Loan Program

Dear Mr. Foster:

I am pleased to support a Direct Loan Program application submitted to the Department of Energy by Zap Motors manufacturing of Kentucky.

Zap plans to build a manufacturing facility in Franklin,Kentucky. George Koch Sons, LLC of Evansville, Indiana has provided this company with painting systems designs and proposals. The system has a budget of approximately $9,000,000. In addition, another local Koch Enterprises company could also benefit from this project. Uniseal of Evansville would have the opportunity to bid on the sealants that would be used in the assembly of these vehicles. This project will contribute to additional jobs and economic stability to the Eighth District of Indiana.

I personally feel they would be a very worthy recipient. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance as you make your determinations.

Sincerely,

Brad

Brad Ellsworth
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January 4, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am pleased to offer my support for the application submitted by Molycorp Minerals, LLC (Molycorp), for a loan guarantee under the Department of Energy's Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program. Molycorp's proposed project will restart domestic, commercial-scale production of rare earth minerals and rebuild America's ability to manufacture the critical metals and permanent magnets that derive from rare earths. These essential rare earth resources are an indispensible part of key clean energy technologies, including next generation wind turbines, advanced batteries, electric drive vehicles, compact fluorescent lighting, and electronic equipment.

This project will not only provide the foundation for a complete domestic supply chain for these critical metals and magnets; it will also directly create 900 well-paying manufacturing jobs in southern Nevada. Equally important, it will provide a domestic solution to looming rare earth supply concerns and improve the nation's competitive position in the clean energy sector.

As our country invests billions of dollars in clean energy technology development and commercialization, access to critical rare earth resources has come into question. Currently, China provides 97 percent of the world's rare earth minerals, nearly 100 percent of the derived metals, and 75 percent of the rare earth magnets. Complicating this imbalance, the Chinese government recently announced its intentions to curtail exports of its rare earth resources and will direct them toward its own aggressive development of renewable energy. The U.S. is currently unprepared for this decrease in supply.

Molycorp's project provides a timely and economically viable means to address this challenge. Molycorp owns and operates the rare earth mine at Mountain Pass, California, which the U.S. Geological Survey has deemed "the greatest concentration of rare-earth minerals now known," and Molycorp has 57 years of rare earth mining, milling, and processing experience. It has obtained the necessary 30-year mine plan permit, and the necessary environmental studies for the mining-to-oxides portion of the project have been approved by applicable federal, state, and local agencies.

As it expands its operations, Molycorp has pledged to continue its efforts to ensure that the company's Mountain Pass mining operation and related facilities have minimal impact on the surrounding environment. Molycorp will ensure that any wastewater from the operation will be

properly managed so that any water discharges by the mine and its related facilities are consistent with all state and Federal requirements.

Developing clean energy technology is a top priority for this nation, and Molycorp's project will help solidify America's ownership of the clean energy industry and its competitiveness in the global economy. I strongly encourage you to give this project your full consideration for the Loan Guarantee Program.

Sincerely,

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January 5, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

Aptera Motors, an innovative vehicle company located in San Diego County, plans to submit an application for a loan under the Department of Energy's (DOE) § 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP). This program was established by Congress in section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140) in order to help foster U.S. manufacturing facilities for the commercial production of highly efficient vehicles, which will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and enhance our national air quality.

Aptera has developed plug-in and hybrid electric vehicles, which will be some of the most energy efficient multi-passenger vehicles in the world. As detailed in their application, Aptera plans to purchase manufacturing facilities, begin equipping the facilities, and perform engineering integration work necessary to begin commercial-scale production of the Aptera 2e and 2h. Initial retail distribution of the Aptera 2e is expected to begin as early as September 2011 and will provide consumers with an affordable, ultra-efficient, sustainable alternative for personal mobility.

Aptera's project will promote domestic job creation associated with both infrastructure investment and U.S.-based manufacturing of light-duty electric drive vehicles (EVs). Production of the 2e and 2h vehicles is expected to be housed in a facility in San Diego County, California. The jobs and production capabilities that this project will create will help the State of California, and other states through the supply and distribution chain. The U.S. automotive industry is struggling to find a sustainable path toward long-term viability. Projects such as this, which expand clean advanced EV production capabilities, provide a model for sustainable development which is based on technological innovation, reduced dependence on oil and environmental protection. As detailed in their application, Aptera's ultra-efficient vehicles are targeted for the mass market, with a projected sales price under $40,000 and a range of over 100 miles per charge. As a plug-in electric vehicle, the Aptera 2e consumes no gasoline and emits no greenhouse gases.

I am pleased that California is home to innovative companies such as Aptera and I support their commitment to reestablishing American leadership in the automotive industry. I encourage you to give Aptera's application appropriate consideration and, while conducting necessary due diligence, do what you can to expedite the review process.

Sincerely,

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January 6, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to strongly support the Department of Energy loan guarantee application being submitted by Flambeau River BioFuels, LLC, entitled "Biomass Fuels to Liquids: The Park Falls Biorefinery".

Flambeau River BioFuels is a renewable energy company that plans to construct a full-scale biorefinery at an existing pulp and paper mill in Park Falls, Wisconsin. The biorefinery will process renewable lignocellulosic biomass in the form of wood chips and forest residuals to generate biofuels, bio-based chemicals, and green power. As importantly, this project will create high-skilled operating jobs and will stimulate the forest products industry in a region facing economic hardships resulting from the continued decline of traditional markets.

Flambeau River BioFuels demonstrates a strong commitment to lead the development of alternative and renewable sources of energy, which will reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil. Through these efforts, the company supports the federal government's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainable technology development. Further, the technologies, strategies, and practices demonstrated at Flambeau River Biorefinery could be modeled and implemented in over 100 chemical pulp mills nationwide, which would result in as much as two billion gallons of green diesel production or 37.5% of the EISA target for cellulosic biofuels. The project team is comprised of leading businesspeople, engineers and scientists with demonstrated successes in implementing new technologies and operating successful commercial enterprises.

Clearly, the retooling of an existing pulp and paper mill by Flambeau River BioFuels into a facility that produces biofuels and other by-products is beneficial and self-sustaining, and could serve as a model for renewable energy production across the nation. It has the full support of community leaders and State government. As the Member of Congress representing Park Falls, it also has my support. I urge that you give their application a full and fair review. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Cordially,

David R. Obey
Member of Congress

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January 6, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to extend my strong support for the Cape Wind project in Southeastern Massachusetts, and urge that you expedite the review and approval of its application for a Section 1705 loan guarantee. Cape Wind represents positive change for America; the successful financing and construction of the project will establish Massachusetts as a global leader in renewable energy development, and spark further industrial growth in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it not only represents a crucial advancement towards cleaner and more efficient energy resources, it also means new jobs in these difficult economic times.

In fact, a third-party consultant, Global Insight, has estimated that Cape Wind will generate between 500 and 1,000 direct, indirect and induced full-time jobs during the manufacturing, assembly, construction, and installation phases of the project. Importantly, these jobs are likely to be located in a region hit particularly hard by the current economic downturn. One possible staging point for offshore construction activities is New Bedford, MA, within my Congressional District, which presently has the second highest unemployment rate in the Commonwealth.

Furthermore, an overwhelming majority of Massachusetts residents recognize the contribution the project makes towards goals of developing more efficient energy resources, and that it represents an important instrument for the promotion of job creation. Therefore, considering the project's broad support, the numerous jobs it will create, and its potential to stimulate the region's clean energy industry, I urge you to expedite the review and approval of a Section 1705 loan guarantee for the Cape Wind project. Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to your reply.

Barney Frank

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Congress of the United States

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January 6, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We were pleased to learn that First Wind's application for a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 for the Kahuku Wind Power project on Oahu has been making steady progress. Now that the term sheet has been negotiated and the credit package has been submitted, we strongly urge that the application be given all due and expedient consideration.

First Wind has been making efforts to reduce Hawaii's reliance on fossil fuels for its electricity generation for a number of years, as evidenced by its 30 megawatt project on Maui, Kaheawa Wind Power. The Kaheawa Wind Power project also demonstrated environmental stewardship in the development and implementation of the first Habitat Conservation Plan for an operating wind farm in the United States.

Like you, we understand the importance and significance of taking aggressive steps to decrease our dependence on fossil fuels. We remain committed to improving Hawaii's energy security and have been a supporter of First Wind's plans to build the 30 megawatt Kahuku project, which, in addition to meeting these goals, will result in the creation of 200 construction jobs. At a time when our nation is focused on stimulating the economy, creating jobs, and finding new ways to secure our energy future, it is appropriate to have a project in our state that is in a position to help meet these important policy goals. Of equal importance, the Kahuku project

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features a battery energy storage system that will be used to control the delivery of power to Hawaii's grid, enabling the wind facility to deliver power more smoothly and evenly during all hours of the day.

The State of Hawaii is unique in many ways - from its isolated island grids to its diversity of robust renewable resources that have the potential to be harnessed to ensure the state's energy security. The DOE has identified the State of Hawaii as an ideal location to showcase the broad benefits of renewable energy. We share the view that Hawaii's success in this area can serve as an integrated model and demonstration test bed for the rest of the United States and other island communities globally, many of which are just beginning to transition to a clean energy economy.

Accordingly, within applicable rules and regulations, we would appreciate your full and fair consideration of the application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Aloha,

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United States Senator

DANIEL K. AKAKA
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cc: Matt Rogers, U.S. Department of Energy
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January 7, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, Southwest
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to express my concern about the Department of Energy (DOE)'s recent decision to deny an application from Sage Electrochromics, Inc (SAGE) for a credit subsidy cost waiver (under authority provided by Section 1705 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). As I noted in my letter on October 29, 2009, SAGE is an important company in Minnesota; with 100 employees, SAGE has the world's leading high-performance dynamic glass technology for windows, developed over a 20-year period with extensive DOE support and funding. This decision to deny the credit subsidy cost wavier will prevent or delay the construction of a manufacturing facility, which could create hundreds of new jobs in Minnesota and facilitate the use of new energy technology for homes and buildings. I ask that you use all appropriate tools to ensure this project is not delayed as a result of DOE's recent decision.

In 2005, SAGE applied to DOE for a loan guarantee under the Section 1703 "Loan Guarantee for Projects that Employ Innovative Technologies" program. SAGE became one of 16 successful program projects (out of 143 applicants) in 2008. In March 2009, DOE announced that it would review SAGE's project proposal for eligibility of a waiver of the credit subsidy fee (under Section 1705). SAGE was given consideration because its window manufacturing facility has an expected construction date in line with the Recovery Act's requirements and because the window produced by the company utilizes a unique technology to harness the sun's energy. In addition, the company successfully incorporates the use of photovoltaic technology into its windows. In November 2009, DOE determined that it views SAGE as ineligible for the Section 1705 risk coverage exemption because the product does not generate energy. The Department of Energy has not indicated whether it considered the energy produced by the photovoltaic component of the window. Additionally, DOE has also not indicated the size of the financial penalty this decision would impose on SAGE.

This late stage decision may seriously hinder the financing plan that SAGE and DOE worked together to complete. It puts this large-scale manufacturing facility in jeopardy, potentially halting the growth of one of the country's most promising new energy technologies – one that DOE itself has spent years nurturing and funding (and has even installed in Assistant Secretary

Zoi's conference room). DOE has urged the country to pursue new energy technologies as the primary front in the effort to reduce America's reliance on traditional energy sources and to slow climate change. SAGE technology advances that goal. I look forward to working with you to ensure the continued development of this and other important new energy technologies.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar

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January 8, 2010

The Honorable Stephen Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express my support for the recent steps you have taken to advance the issuance of nuclear loan guarantees and for the development of a strong domestic nuclear industry. As a member of the Senate Energy Committee, I strongly supported the creation of the Title XVII loan guarantee program in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. I firmly believe that this program in conjunction with other federal financial incentives will encourage the development of clean energy sources, such as coal, with advanced technologies and nuclear power. I was pleased to see the Department of Energy issue a final rule on December 4, 2009, concerning the collateral packages for the loan guarantee program. I believe these necessary changes more closely mirror the intent of Congress when creating this program and will help streamline the application process.

At a time when we are looking for innovative measures to produce cleaner energy, I encourage you to move forward with awarding the first round of loan guarantees in a timely manner. Between the $51 billion in allocated appropriations and $48.6 billion issued through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Department of Energy has access to nearly $100 billion for these loans. To date, the Department has only allocated $535 million—0.5 percent of the total authority—for its first loan guarantee.

The loan guarantees can also aid in the recovery of the economic downturn we are now facing. If awarded, clean energy projects can use these loan guarantees to provide power to American homes and businesses and create thousands of jobs for hard-working Americans across the United States. When our country is facing record high unemployment and we are losing tens of thousands of jobs every month, moving forward with your decisions on pending applications can help spur more economic growth.

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If we are we are serious about creating sustainable nuclear resurgence, then we must start now with a robust investment in new qualifying domestic projects. I look forward to seeing the continued timely progress the Department of Energy makes on this issue in 2010 and appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

JIM BUNNING
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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am troubled to learn that the Department of Energy (DOE) has notified SAGE Electrochromics, (SAGE) that they are not eligible for a Section 1705 risk coverage exemption under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. I strongly encourage you to review this determination that hinders SAGE's ability to construct a high-performance dynamic glass technology plant facility in Minnesota.

Throughout my service in Congress, I have strongly supported the research, development and utilization of innovative solar technologies. I am delighted that my legislation to provide for the installation of a photovoltaic system at the Department of Energy was enacted into law, and it is imperative for the Department to continue it's support of important photovoltaic technologies.

With the support of the DOE, SAGE has developed a highly-effective dynamic glass technology (SageGlass) to dynamically control solar energy and generate electricity from photovoltaic cells. This proven technology can significantly reduce energy costs and generate essential green manufacturing jobs.

SAGE has developed its business model and has worked to raise the necessary capital to finance this important economic development project with the understanding that they would be eligible for a loan guarantee that would not include risk premium coverage. To have the Loan Guarantee Program Office (LGPO) at DOE provide assurances that SAGE would be eligible for the risk coverage exemption and then reverse their position and require significant and unexpected additional costs threatens to undermine this essential project and the promotion of this vital energy technology.

With the strong belief that SAGE is eligible for Section 1705 participation, I strongly encourage you to review the recent LPGO determination, and help advance this crucial project and technology.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Oberstar

James L. Oberstar, M.C.

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January 9, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to offer my support for USEC's application for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy (DOE). USEC has developed the American Centrifuge uranium enrichment plant (American Centrifuge), a project that has the potential to offer important benefits for our nation's energy sector. It is my hope that the DOE will issue the loan guarantee for this project at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

By transitioning from an energy-intensive gaseous diffusion process to a far more efficient centrifuge technology, American Centrifuge could reduce electrical costs for enrichment by as much as 95 percent, and greenhouse emissions could be reduced by 10,000,000 tons every year. American Centrifuge will promote both energy independence and national security, ensuring a domestic supply of enriched uranium while supporting the nation's nonproliferation and defense programs.

The Fourth District of Pennsylvania, which I represent, is home to one of the major suppliers to American Centrifuge, Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation. Should the loan guarantee be issued, Curtiss-Wright would provide the high-tech drive motors for the 11,500 centrifuges expected to be built. If American Centrifuge is able to move to full scale production, Curtiss-Wright would be able to support hundreds of highly skilled jobs for the western Pennsylvania region.

I appreciate your attention of this request and hope that you consider issuing the loan guarantee in a timely manner so that the benefits of American Centrifuge can be gained at the earliest opportunity. I respectfully request that you keep me apprised of the progress of the loan guarantee approval process. Should you have any questions, please to not hesitate to contact Cara Toman of my staff at cara.toman@mail.house.gov or 202.225.2565.

Sincerely,

Jason Altmire

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January 12, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

RE: MiaSolé– Loan Guarantee Application, U.S. Department of Energy

I would like to pledge my full support for MiaSolé's application to the loan guarantee program awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

MiaSole is planning to invest close to $325 million in a solar photovoltaic manufacturing center which would be located in Spalding County, Georgia. The panels produced at the facility will provide a low cost solar electricity solution which will help to diversify the renewable energy solutions for power generation. In addition, the plant will create nearly 850 high wage jobs which would have a significant impact on Spalding County, and the surrounding geographical area.

The local community in my district, Spalding County, has shown their commitment to MiaSolé's project by offering more than $33 million in local grants and tax incentives, in addition to the more than $38 million in job tax credits, training and grants offered by the State of Georgia.

These efforts would support the underlying goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is to create jobs and help transition our economy toward clean, renewable energy. I fully support MiaSolé's efforts to pursue a loan guarantee for this exciting project for Georgia. I thank you for your consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Westmoreland
Member of Congress

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January 26,2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
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Re: Application of Desert Southwest Power LLC

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express my strong support for a federal financing guarantee submitted by the Desert Southwest Power LLC 118 mile transmission line project to be developed alongside an existing transmission corridor running from eastern California deserts into the Coachella Valley. This corridor has been designated as a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor by the Department of Energy.

As you well know, this is an important recognition, given the need to provide renewable energy access and improve reliability of the regional transmission system. This effort will provide benefits to the local economy, to residents of eastern Riverside County and customers of all the utilities serving Southern California. Further, it will help achieve existing California renewable energy portfolio goals while accentuating the Administration's energy policies and economic goals.

The eastern portions of Riverside County, all of which fall within California's 45th Congressional District, have become an important location for the growth of renewable energy generating facilities. With extensive solar resource potential, the region will also require sound planning to transmit the clean energy to a growing population. At this time, it is my understanding that the project has been approved by the United States Bureau of Land Management and local authorities and will greatly assist in meeting the Nation's goals to provide renewable energy infrastructure in capacity-limited areas such as Riverside County.

I understand that Desert Southwest Power LLC is seeking a federal guarantee of financing for the project, which it is developing in collaboration with Imperial Irrigation District. These local parties are well aware that the Administration has adopted a major stimulus package designed in

major part to stimulate jobs and economic activity to promote the renewable energy potential in our country, and this effort tracks with that goal.

It is my hope that you could give consideration to the federal financing guarantee request so that the project can move forward, breaking ground ahead of the September 2011 deadline for "shovel ready" projects. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Chris Foster of my office at (202) 225-5330 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MARY BONO MACK
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States of America
House of Representatives

Vernon J. Ehlers — January 27,2010 — Michigan

Mr. Lachan Seward
ATVM Program Director
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Seward:

I write to request your full consideration of Aptera Motors' loan application under the Department of Energy's (DOE) § 136 Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP). Aptera Motors seeks to establish a manufacturing facility in Grand Rapids, MI, for the commercial production of its three-wheeled, two passenger and 4-wheeled, four-plus passenger plug-in electric vehicles, the Aptera 2e and 4e. These innovative vehicles will provide consumers with an affordable, ultra-efficient personal vehicle and their manufacture is pursuant to the priorities of the ATVMIP.

Aptera plans to purchase and equip manufacturing facilities, perform engineering integration work, and begin commercial-scale production of the Aptera 2e and 4e with initial retail distribution of the 2e expected as early as 2011. This project will promote domestic job creation associated with both infrastructure investment and U.S.-based manufacturing of light-duty electric drive vehicles (EVs). Production of the 4e and 4h is expected to be housed in a facility in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where operations would commence in 2013. The more than 1,100 direct jobs created in Grand Rapids will help the local economy and the State of Michigan on their road to economic recovery. With a current unemployment rate of almost 12 percent, these jobs would be created at a pivotal time for Michigan families.

Aptera's loan application represents an opportunity for the people of our nation to expand their choice of green, innovative passenger vehicles, as well as an opportunity for Western Michigan to put their manufacturing skills to work on the next generation of the domestic automotive industry. A loan to Aptera under the ATVMIP will help accelerate the transition from gasoline-powered vehicles to cleaner EVs, as well as create sustainable, clean-technology jobs in Michigan and beyond. By way of this letter, I encourage your full consideration to Aptera Motor's application.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If possible, please inform my office of your final determination.

Sincerely,

Vernon J. Ehlers
Member of Congress

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January 27, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program submitted by Aptera Motor, Inc.

Aptera Motors is developing a line of extremely aerodynamic and lightweight hybrid and electric passenger vehicles that will deliver the equivalent of 150 miles per gallon. These vehicles will meet U. S. goals for energy security and support domestic manufacturing as over 99% of the component parts will be produced in the U. S. This funding will enable them to establish manufacturing facilities in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Oceanside, California to begin commercial production of the Aptera 2e and 4e.

The State of Michigan and the City of Grand Rapids are well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that companies, like Aptera Motors recognize the opportunities available to them in West Michigan. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Aptera Motors, Inc. is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

Debbie Stabenow
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January 28,2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I request your review of a decision made by the Loan Guarantee Program Office (LGPO) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in a letter dated December 4, 2009 to Mr. Michael Kennedy, CEO of SAGE Electrochromics, Inc. SAGE submitted the application to LGPO for Credit Subsidy Cost (CSC) coverage under Section 1705 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. According to the letter, LGPO rejected SAGE's application.

SAGE Electrochromics is a manufacturing company based in Faribault, Minnesota, that currently employs approximately 100 people with funding support from DOE under Section 1703 "Incentives for Innovative Technologies", Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as an efficient end-use energy technology in response to the 2006 solicitation (DE-PS01-06LG00001). SAGE Electrochromics is planning a $150 million expansion of its manufacturing plants in Minnesota to employ an additional 200 people in Minnesota, including residents of my congressional district. Without the loan guarantee support from DOE, the future of this expansion and the hundreds of construction and manufacturing jobs are in jeopardy. In addition, this would be a great missed opportunity for development of a tremendous new green technology and SAGE's innovative technology in efficient energy conservation and production.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 28, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our strong support for TPI Composites' application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program for the purpose of expanding its wind energy production. As you know, TPI is a global leader in the manufacturing of state-of-the-art composite wind turbine blades with substantial facilities in Iowa, Rhode Island, Arizona, and Massachusetts.

This loan guarantee will allow the company to rapidly expand several of its facilities including TPI's Wind Blade Innovation Center in Fall River, Massachusetts. Through this expansion plan, TPI will create critical green jobs for the economy, while also expanding the nation's domestic wind blade manufacturing capacity to meet the fast-growing demand of the wind energy industry. Additionally, these new green jobs would provide an important economic impact in Massachusetts allowing TPI to double its workforce in the city of Fall River. The city has been particularly hard-hit by the economic downturn and has subsequently become a state-designated economic target area. TPI's expansion would be an important component of the city's revitalization.

Additionally, we would like to point out that TPI has a proven track record of delivering on government investment. A recent example being the Recovery Act's Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit, where TPI received roughly $9mm in future tax credits to expand its operations nationally. In fact, President Obama has highlighted TPI as one of the Recovery Act's success stories, and referenced their great work on several occasions.

We reiterate our strong support for TPI's expansion and urge you to thoroughly and expeditiously review their application. Thank for your time and attention. We look forward to your response.

Senator John F. Kerry

Senator Paul G. Kirk

Congressman Barney Frank

Congressman James P. McGovern

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January 28, 2010

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We commend you and your team at the Department of Energy for your achievements in planning and implementing solicitations to carry out the very significant energy provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These activities support numerous companies and institutions across the country in energy development activities that begin to put America on a path to a cleaner and more secure energy era.

After the economic collapse in the fall of 2008, it has been most encouraging to see companies come forward with concrete plans for expanding the production and deployment of renewable energy systems. TPI offers an excellent example. This company opened a new wind turbine blade manufacturing plant in Newton Iowa in September of 2008 and has already expanded its workforce to 500. Their ability to follow through on their plans in that time of severe economic uncertainty was without a doubt dependent on windpower support included in the ARRA.

To build on the progress thus far in developing and adopting renewable energy systems, we need to do much more. We need to support firms like TPI that have already-developed plans for further expanding their domestic renewable energy systems production. Federal loan guarantees are a very important tool for supporting such endeavors. These guarantees provide crucial financial security as firms seek expansion capital, and they do it at a relatively low cost to the federal government since only that funding needed to cover the subsidy cost is required.

We understand that TPI has applied to the Department for a loan guarantee for a loan that will enable TPI to build 3 new wind turbine blade manufacturing facilities and to expand their operations in Newton, Iowa and their blade development center in Massachusetts. We urge the Department to give this application full consideration because of TPI's established reputation for development and manufacture of wind turbine blades. We also urge DOE to act promptly on their request as we believe the ability of U.S. firms to compete in this environment of rapid

deployment of renewable energy systems depends on their ability to expand quickly. Approval of this loan guarantee will create additional American jobs in the wind industry, thus contributing to the national economic recovery that we all seek.

Sincerely,

Tom Harkin
United States Senate

Charles Grassley
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Leonard Boswell
United States House of Representatives

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January 29, 2010

Energy Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I want to thank you for allowing the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Office to recently close its $465 million loan with Tesla Motors, Inc. This loan will allow Tesla Motors to locate its Model S Electric Sedan Assembly Facility in Downey, California. I strongly endorse this site selection because not only will the facility be an investment in our nation's clean energy future, but it will also create 1,600 jobs in a region which has been economically devastated by the current recession. Several cities in the vicinity of the Downey site have unemployment rates over 20%.

The Downey location for the Tesla Motors Assembly Facility is the former Downey National Aeronautics & Space facility which produced our nation's Apollo Capsules and Space Shuttles. The Department of Energy, therefore, is continuing the site's legacy of technological innovation of international significance, and I applaud this decision.

The City of Downey, NASA and the General Services Administration received the prestigious Phoenix Award in 2007 for the innovative efforts they made in revitalization of the former NASA facility. The Downey site was the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Region 9 winner. Nearly $1 billion worth of development has already occurred at this location, and the Tesla Motors Model S Facility will be welcomed addition.

Once again, thank you for all your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Lucille Roybal-Allard

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD
Member of Congress

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February 1, 2010

Honorable Stephen Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
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Secretary Chu,

I am contacting you in support of the recent application submitted by Diamond Alternative Energy, LLC (Diamond) for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee program, DE-FOA-0000140. Diamond is a partnership between Darling International, Inc. (Darling) and Valero Energy Corporation (Valero). Through this application, Diamond seeks Federal support for the construction of a facility capable of producing 135 million gallons of renewable diesel per year.

Valero Energy Corporation is a Fortune 500 company based in San Antonio, Texas, and is North America's largest independent petroleum refiner and marketer. Valero supplies fuel and associated products with 16 refineries and seven ethanol plants stretching from California to Canada and even the Caribbean.

Darling is a top provider of rendering, recycling and recovery solutions to the nation's food industry. As a rendering company, Darling is one of the oldest recyclers in the country, turning inedible meat by-products into useable commercial goods – including the potential to create renewable biofuels.

Together, these two companies have the technology, expertise and infrastructure to convert animal fats and used cooking oils into renewable diesel – a product which has several important advantages over traditional biodiesel. In its recent proposed Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), EPA concluded that this type of fuel will achieve greenhouse gas reductions of 80 percent over comparable fossil fuel products. In addition, renewable diesel is a true hydrocarbon which, unlike traditional biodiesel, can be transported and distributed using existing petroleum distribution systems and has cold flow properties which better than biodiesel.

Importantly, the proposed plant will have the capacity to integrate other feedstocks, including oil from algae, into green diesel production. I understand that this plant could potentially produce

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over 13 percent of the Energy Independence and Security Act's biomass-based diesel requirement.

The site chosen for this project is adjacent to Valero's St. Charles refinery in Norco, Louisiana – currently owned and operated by Valero. The facility will have access to the Mississippi River as well as existing railroad and pipeline infrastructure. In addition to the energy security and environmental benefits of this project, the construction and ultimate operation of such a facility will stimulate the economy through job-growth with the expected creation of 300 construction and 30 direct full-time jobs.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Department of Energy favorably consider Diamond's proposal for an integrated renewable biofuels production facility.

Sincerely,

Charlie Melancon
Member of Congress

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February 2, 2010

Ms. Lisa Epifani
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, Sw
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Ms. Epifani:

This letter is to follow up on my recent inquiry to your office with regard to my constituent, [redacted]

Copies of previous correspondence along with the constituent's original letter are enclosed. As yet we have not received a response to our request.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Johnny Isakson
United States Senate

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Congress of the United States

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February 16, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office
Office of the Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0121

Re: Letter of Support for NRG Bluewater Mid-Atlantic Wind Park Project under DE-FOA-0000140

Dear Executive Director Silver:

We are writing in support of the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee application made by NRG Energy, Inc on behalf of its subsidiary Bluewater Wind Delaware LLC (NRG Bluewater), a leader in offshore wind development in the US. Funding from the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee program will enable NRG Bluewater's Mid-Atlantic Wind Park project to advance toward being the first installed offshore wind park in the United States.

For over five years, NRG Bluewater has made great progress in developing offshore wind. In 2008, NRG Bluewater signed the nation's first utility-scale offshore wind power purchase agreement for 200 MW of electricity. NRG Bluewater is now developing an additional 250 MW capacity, 93 MW of which has already been awarded, with a potential project capacity of 450 MW. Once fully operational, this project would supply clean power to roughly 153,000 households across Delaware's Delmarva Peninsula. A loan guarantee from the Department of Energy is crucial to the success of the Mid-Atlantic Wind Park project and to ensuring a new, clean energy supply is developed off Delaware's shores.

Obtaining funding for the Mid-Atlantic Wind Park project is a critical milestone not only for Delaware but also for the entire United States. The project will help put the US closer to achieving our goals for generating energy from renewable sources, and at the same time will create thousands of clean-tech construction, operation, and maintenance jobs here at home. Offshore wind, as compared with other renewable energy alternatives, offers the highest potential to deliver power to the heavily populated eastern shore, as it is strategically located adjacent to the population centers along the eastern seaboard it will serve, removing transmission barriers often associated with other forms of renewable energy. Under nearly identical circumstances in Europe, NRG Bluewater proved the benefits of this new technology, and the company looks forward to bringing its advances in the wind industry in a commercially viable way to the U.S. market. Beyond providing Americans with clean energy, this project will also send a strong signal to turbine manufacturers that building plants in the offshore wind industry in the United States is a smart business move today and for years to come.

It is apparent to me after many discussions with NRG Bluewater that they are an ideal partner in making this opportunity a reality – they have an experienced development team and strong technical expertise, backed by a financially sound, energy industry leader. That is why I strongly support the application and the potential of this project, and believe it to be a vital first step in offshore wind development in the United States.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to further discuss our support for this project and the associated Department of Energy Loan Guarantee application.

With best personal regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

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United States Senator

Edward E. Kaufman
United States Senator

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February 16, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Application (DE-FOA-0000140)

Dear Secretary Chu:

I urge your full and fair consideration of an application submitted by Rentech, Inc. for a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. If approved, loan guarantee funding will provide needed support for the creation of a renewable fuels and power project to be developed in Rialto, CA.

The Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC) will be a first-of-a-kind facility and will produce fuels and power that will have a near-zero carbon footprint. Rentech was founded in Colorado in 1981 and has worked to develop technologies for alternative fuel production that will reduce our dependence upon imported oil and cut harmful emissions to improve the state of our environment. Fuels from the Rentech Process are some of the cleanest available, providing significant reductions on Sulfur, NOx, CO and Particulate Matter.

Upon completion, the RREC will produce approximately 8 million gallons per year of ultra-clean renewable fuel and export capacity of approximately 35MW of electric power, both derived solely from green waste. This project model can be replicated at a multitude of other sites around the nation and abroad, and can be scaled-up to match feedstock availability and output demand.

Although the RREC facility will be located in California much of the planning, engineering, technology integration and design work will be conducted at Rentech's headquarters in Denver or at the Rentech Energy Technology Center in Commerce City, CO, generating and sustaining good-paying, quality jobs in the Denver Metropolitan Area.

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate your keeping my office informed of any developments with this application.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

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Washington, DC 20515

February 16, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Application (DE-FOA-0000140)

Dear Secretary Chu:

We urge your full and fair consideration of an application submitted by Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. for a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. If approved, loan guarantee funding will provide support for the expansion of Ascent's photovoltaic solar manufacturing facilities in Colorado.

Ascent Solar's manufacturing plant is important to the State of Colorado. In January 2009, the company received the "Governor's Excellence in Energy Award" for their progress and innovation in advancing solar technologies in Colorado. By developing thin-film PV cells that can be manufactured on low-cost, flexible plastic substrates, Ascent's technologies will continue to help grow the New Energy Economy, create jobs, and increase U.S. competitiveness in this vital technology market.

Manufacturing competitiveness in clean energy technologies and increased energy from renewable sources are of the utmost importance to sustainable economic growth in Colorado and across the country, and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program is vital to that effort.

We ask that you give Ascent Solar Technologies' application every appropriate consideration in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

Mark Udall
United States Senator

Jared Polis
Member of Congress

Ed Perlmutter
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 17, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director
US Department of Energy - Loan Guarantee Program
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585-0121

Dear Executive Director Silver,

We are writing in support of the Joint Inter-Organizational Development Finance Organization Proposal, submitted by five Ohio port authorities for the Department of Energy (DOE) Financial Institutional Partnership Program.

It is our understanding that the ports have an established Common Bond Fund Program that provides bond financing for economic and community development. They believe that DOE's Financial Institutional Partnership Program/Federal Loan Guarantee offers a unique opportunity to enhance their public-private financing capabilities, by both increasing the number of energy projects that the ports can support and expanding the reach of their support across the state. The ports cover specific geographic areas, but when working in partnership as proposed, they could reach all 88 counties in Ohio. With this program in place throughout Ohio, it is also hoped that the public and private sectors could access this guarantee more quickly and efficiently at the local level.

A partnership between DOE and the Ohio ports would help ensure that the state is able to benefit from the energy savings and advanced energy solutions promised by the Federal Loan Guarantee program. The ports tell us, that should they be able to expand their support of qualified energy projects, the result would be significant capital investment and job creation in a region of the country hard hit by the economic downturn. As such, we ask that you please give all due consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
U.S. Senate

Sherrod Brown
U.S. Senate

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Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

February 18, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to urge your support for a loan guarantee application that will soon be submitted by Rentech, Inc for a renewable fuels and power project to be developed in Rialto, CA.

The Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC) will be a first-of-a-kind facility and will produce fuels and power that will have a near-zero carbon footprint. Rentech was founded in Colorado in 1981 and has worked to develop technologies for alternative fuel production that will reduce our dependence upon imported oil and cut harmful emissions to improve the state of our environment. Fuels from the Rentech Process are some of the cleanest available, providing significant reductions on Sulfur, NOx, CO and Particulate Matter.

The RREC will produce approximately 8 million gallons per year of ultra-clean renewable fuel and export capacity of approximately 35MW of electric power, both derived solely from green waste. This project model can be replicated at a multitude of other sites around the nation and abroad, and can be scaled-up to match feedstock availability and output demand.

Although the facility will be located in California much of the planning, engineering, technology integration and design work will be conducted at Rentech's offices in Denver and at the Rentech Energy Technology Center in Commerce City, CO, generating and sustaining well-paying, quality jobs. Not only does this project meet the job creation and environmental goals envisioned in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, it also aligns with the targets for advanced biofuels that Congress established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to soon release its final regulations implementing the new renewable fuels standard which will include a substantial increase in second generation biofuels. The RREC will produce fuel that will qualify under this new standard and contribute much needed gallons toward those goals.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to call on us with any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed Perlmutter
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February 18, 2010

Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy
U. S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to support the application of Rentech, Inc., a corporation in the First District of Colorado, for a Recovery Act – Federal Loan Guarantee for a project that employs innovative energy efficiency, renewable energy; and, advanced transmission and distribution technology and advanced bio-fuels.

Although the facility will be located in California, much of the planning, engineering, technology integration and design work will be conducted at Rentech Inc.'s Denver metropolitan offices which will allow for the generation and sustainment of a number of professional jobs and opportunities in the area. Of the three major technologies to be deployed in this project, two are Rentech technologies that will be deployed for the first time at commercial scale at the Rialto facility (biomass gasification and Fischer-Tropsch).

Rentech, Inc. proposes the development of the Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC) as a first-of-a-kind facility that will produce fuels and power that will have a near-zero carbon footprint. Rentech projects that the facility will produce approximately 8 million gallons per year of ultra-clean renewable fuel and export the capacity of approximately 35 megawatts of electric power, both derived solely from green energy waste.

Rentech, Inc. anticipates that the RREC will produce fuel that will qualify under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007's targets for advanced bio-fuels. The company projects this model can be replicated; and, also scaled-up to match feedstock availability and output demand.

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Please give Rentech, Inc.'s application for a federal loan guarantee your appropriate consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana DeGette
Member of Congress

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February 22, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: DE-FOA-0000140, The Doe Run Company New Technology Lead Processing Facility
Project Name: Energy-Efficient, Emission-Free, New Lead Production Technology

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of the above referenced loan guarantee application. As the largest integrated lead producer in the Western Hemisphere, Doe Run's activities and job base are important to my constituents in economically stressed southeast Missouri.

This project would help commercialize a technology that Doe Run expects will transform the way lead metal is refined around the world, and establish that global transformation in America. Construction of the facility would also help retain U.S. domestic manufacturing jobs for the many products that rely on lead metal as a primary component.

New regulatory requirements threaten to move the production of this strategic metal overseas. Doe Run's advanced lead processing technology presents a unique solution to both environmental challenges and the loss of American jobs. Rapid deployment of this clean, energy efficient process will drastically reduce air, water and solid waste emissions. Without such technology, American jobs in lead processing will be at risk and pollution levels higher than necessary.

With the Department of Energy's critical financial assistance, Doe Run's facility could provide an opportunity for the U.S. to retain and expand its leadership in lead processing. Lead processing is vital to many domestic supply chains. For example, this project could assure the metal supply for demand growth in hybrids and other lead-dependent electric vehicles.

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In closing, I want to reiterate my support for this loan guarantee application. The construction of this facility will allow for the commercialization of an energy efficient lead processing technology, creating new, "green" jobs and preventing the loss of existing jobs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,

JO ANN EMERSON
Member of Congress

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February 23, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to express my serious concern about the potential foreign sourcing of components in the construction of nuclear reactors and urge you to consider domestic sourcing requirements for companies that apply for loan guarantees offered by the Department of Energy for the construction of new nuclear plants.

During this time of economic hardship and high unemployment, we must ensure that in expanding nuclear capacity, we utilize federal resources and leverage to maximize the benefits of governmental actions to promote economic growth and job creation here at home.

If the United States is to pursue an expansion of nuclear power, then it must have the public's support and confidence. The American public must be confident in the integrity, safety and security of nuclear reactors, not least because U.S. taxpayer resources will be used to construct these facilities. These goals can best be met with domestic sourcing, which would allow us to exercise complete oversight in the creation of component products. To source components for nuclear facilities from China, Japan, and other nations that have shown disregard for common safety standards would both threaten the safety of American citizens and send jobs overseas.

Domestic capacity and sources either do exist or can be readily developed to meet the needs of the nuclear power generating sector. The American steel industry has the capacity, and its workers the skills and training, to produce the components necessary for the construction of nuclear reactors. Licensing of nuclear facilities takes years and the utilities have more than enough time to work with the private sector to ensure that the needs of utilities can be met. If gaps exist, it is imperative that the government work with the utilities and the manufacturing sector to help promote domestic capacity to ensure that domestic capacity exists.

Given these difficult economic times, we can ill afford to create jobs abroad at the expense of American workers. I urge the Department of Energy to examine the sourcing of components for the construction of new nuclear reactors, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter

Mr Secretary — I'm going to give you a call on this. I'd like to include a Buy American provision on this in the jobs bill.

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February 23, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to suggest an important modification in your department's loan guarantee program for innovative renewable energy projects, first authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. I believe the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) should accept loan guarantee applications from firms proposing to deploy a single, innovative solar technology on multiple sites of disturbed private lands.

The loan guarantee program is playing an important role in helping to develop solar energy in California's desert, but it has come to my attention that the program's rules are unnecessarily disadvantaging companies proposing to develop multiple sites of disturbed, privately-owned desert land. Specifically, I understand that the DOE loan guarantee program requires a separate loan application for each project location, even if the developer proposes to deploy the same innovative technology at multiple sites. Projects that propose 700 MW on a single swath of Federal land must submit only one application, while solar developers who propose 700 MW of a single technology at multiple sites of disturbed private land must file multiple loan guarantee applications, each to be evaluated separately.

There are significant potential advantages to deploying solar technology at multiple, smaller sites, which justify leveling the playing field between these development proposals and proposals to develop hundreds of megawatts in a single location. For instance, development of multiple sites

reduces potential grid instability problems that may be encountered by larger utility-scale solar projects measured in the multiple hundreds of megawatts. Smaller sites can also more easily be located near existing electricity infrastructure and interconnects, thereby avoiding the need to build large new dedicated transmission lines to remote sites. Finally, developing solar resources on smaller plots of disturbed desert land will help us attain our climate and renewable energy goals while protecting pristine public desert lands.

Unfortunately, unless DOE adjusts its policy, the Loan Guarantee program rules will make it very difficult for a developer who intends to deploy a single technology at multiple sites to attain economies of scale. Suppliers are less likely to invest in the tooling and manufacturing lines necessary to drive down costs if a solar developer plans to only develop a single small site. I am concerned that this situation could drive firms to abandon their multiple site approach and instead pursue development of much larger swaths of pristine public land.

I encourage you to clarify that the DOE will accept loan guarantee applications proposing solar development of a single innovative technology on multiple sites of disturbed private lands. While such applications should still face your department's rigorous assessment, they should be judged on the merits of their technology and the financial viability or their proposal.

I appreciate your continuing efforts to improve the loan guarantee program. I look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

CC: Mr. Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Programs, U.S. Department of Energy

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February 25, 2010

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RE: Vela Gear Systems
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U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program FAO 0000140
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U.S. Department of Energy:

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February 25, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to request that serious consideration be given to Stion Corporation's application for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Stion Corp. is headquartered in my district in San Jose, California.

Stion reports that the loan guarantee, if granted, would enable the company to add 125 megawatt of capacity and to mass produce the lowest-cost solar panel on the U.S. market within a year. I understand that the company was founded in 2006 to produce the world's highest-efficiency, lowest-cost thin film solar panels. Stion believes that the new capacity will create approximately 2,000 domestic jobs from 2010-2012 and will produce enough energy to power over 20,000 homes per year.

Stion's proposal has the support of the Mayor of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency.

Thank you for the Department's full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

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March 1, 2010

Elizabeth Nolan
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Dear Ms. Nolan:

I write in support of the application submitted by Atlantic Ethanol to the United States Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

Atlantic Ethanol has chosen the Quonset/Davisville Industrial Park in North Kingstown, Rhode Island for development of a bio-energy production facility. This site, situated between demand centers in New England, New York, and New Jersey, is well-positioned to respond to growing regional demand for ethanol. Atlantic Ethanol estimates that the facility will produce 15 million gallons per year of cellulosic bio-ethanol and biomass fuel using advanced cellulosic production technology developed by the KL Energy Corporation.

Atlantic Ethanol indicates that this project is "shovel ready," with a site selected and permitting in progress. Construction is scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2010 and the commercial operations may begin in the third quarter of 2011. The project is projected to produce over 100 high-paying bio-tech manufacturing jobs, averaging $50,000 a year.

I respectfully request that you give due consideration to this application in accordance with all rules and regulations of your agency. If you have any questions, please contact Rele Abiade in the Providence office at (401) 453-5294, or via email at rele_abiade@whitehouse.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator

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March 2, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

It has recently come to my attention that Stion Corp. of San Jose, California has submitted a federal loan guarantee application to the Department of Energy to help fund production of high efficiency thin-film solar panels.

The use of a federal loan guarantee will enable Stion Corp. to expand its domestic production capacity for thin-film solar panels, as well as create over 2,400 green manufacturing jobs by 2012. Approval of federal financing will also allow the company to achieve efficiencies, quality controls and reduce production costs. These improvements will improve Stion Corp.'s competitive position in the industry and support the growth of solar manufacturing in the U.S.

Stion Corp.'s request for a federal loan guarantee is also consistent with the President's commitment to moving America towards a low carbon economy through the development of clean energy technologies. Recently, the company was recognized by the federal government as a national leader in solar innovation when it was awarded $37.5 million in Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits (Section 48C).

I believe that Stion Corp.'s continued advancement in thin-film solar panels will position the U.S. as a leader in the area of energy-conserving and job-creating technologies. Therefore, I respectfully request that you give their application full and fair consideration, consistent with all Department rules and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lois Capps

LOIS CAPPS
Member of Congress

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United States Senate

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of the application by TPI Composites (TPI) for a loan guarantee proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) innovative technologies solicitation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), P.L. 111-5. Such a loan guarantee would enable TPI to get financing to create three new U.S. wind blade manufacturing facilities, two of which would be located in my home state of Nebraska.

The completion of these facilities is especially timely, given the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's recent assessment finding Nebraska's overall wind resources to be six times greater than previously thought, making it the fourth overall state in our nation's wind energy potential.

On December 21, 2009, TPI submitted its Phase I application for a DOE loan guarantee. This loan will position the company to significantly expand TPI's wind blade manufacturing, potentially creating 1,500 U.S clean-technology manufacturing jobs (a number which could climb as high as 3,000 jobs), and expand the capacity of domestic wind blade manufacturing to meet the fast growing demand of the U.S. wind energy industry. Over the life of this project, TPI has the potential to build blades for turbines with a combined output of close to 20 gigawatts.

This project supports DOE's goal of achieving 20 percent of our nation's energy through wind power by 2030, and it will create much-needed jobs to revitalize and expand Nebraska's manufacturing base and expand the demand for high skilled workers. To improve the competitiveness and reliability of blades manufactured in the United States, as part of this project, TPI will enhance its technology tools through further implementation of automation and advanced, non-destructive inspection methods.

Earlier this year, the Administration recognized TPI's potential by awarding it more than $9 million in Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits through the ARRA, allowing the company to advance its plans to expand operations and create additional manufacturing jobs within the United States. Should DOE award TPI this loan guarantee, I believe the funding will allow this project to get fully off the ground, decreasing our nation's dependence on fossil fuels, contributing to the development of a new sustainable energy industry, and creating over 1,500 new green jobs throughout Nebraska and our nation's urban and rural communities – all goals which I know you share.

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Mr. Secretary, as your agency makes its final decisions in the weeks to come, I hope and believe you will find this proposal to be very competitive and worthy of funding; and I thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me directly or have your staff contact Erick Lutt of my staff at (202) 224-8909 should you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

E. Benjamin Nelson
United States Senator

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March 4, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) loan guarantee program for innovative renewable energy projects, first authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. I request that DOE seriously consider applications from firms proposing to build biorefineries that utilize cutting edge cellulosic ethanol technologies, that will boost the domestic production of cellulosic ethanol, and that will put people to work in locations with particularly high unemployment, such as the inland areas of Southern California.

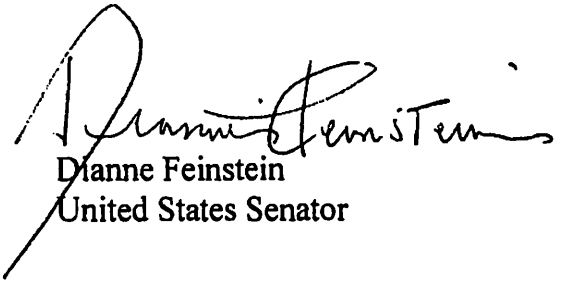
As you know, producing ethanol from cellulose greatly expands the type and amount of materials available for ethanol production and as a result will increase the volume of low-carbon transportation fuel that can be produced in the United States. Recent studies by DOE suggest that cellulosic feedstocks can produce enough ethanol to displace nearly 30 percent of our current gasoline consumption by 2030. Cellulosic ethanol also provides a significant environmental benefit, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 90 percent as compared to conventional gasoline.

Cellulosic ethanol, however, is currently not cost-competitive with conventional gasoline or corn-based ethanol, and there are very few cellulosic biorefineries in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently finalized new regulations for the National Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) Program as required by the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007 (Public Law 110-140). However, due to the limited domestic production of cellulosic ethanol, EPA set the cellulosic volume standard for 2010 at 6.5 million gallons - significantly below the 100 million gallon target set by Congress under EISA. The loan guarantee program has the potential to help lower costs so that we may meet the RFS targets set by Congress.

The DOE loan guarantee program should play a critical role in helping to develop advanced biofuel technologies and spur domestic production of low carbon renewable fuels. As you review future loan guarantee applications, I request that serious consideration be given to applications from firms proposing build cellulosic biorefineries, especially in economically distressed regions of Southern California where large new employers could save communities. While such applications should still face DOE's rigorous assessment, they should be judged on the merits of their technology and the financial viability of their proposal.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter, and I appreciate your continuing efforts with the loan guarantee program.

Sincerely,



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Honorable Steven Chu, PhD
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write in support of a proposal submitted by Atlantic Ethanol to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program (DE-FOA-0000140). Atlantic Ethanol is proposing to construct an advanced cellulosic bio-energy production facility in North Kingstown, Rhode Island at the Quonset Business Park.

Quonset Business Park is poised to be the center of Rhode Island's green economy sector. Recently, the state was awarded a $22.3 million Transportation Investments Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant through the U. S. Department of Transportation to enhance Quonset as a hub for the manufacturing, staging and construction of wind energy products and increase opportunities for short-sea shipping. These improvements are also intended to attract further development opportunities like the one proposed by Atlantic Ethanol.

The Atlantic Ethanol facility will produce 15 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol per year. The cellulosic biomass by-product created through this process will be pelletized and sold as a biomass fuel source to European and North American markets. Additionally, the CO2 by-product will be sold to industrial users and to the food and beverage industry. The Quonset Business Park's strategic location will provide Atlantic Ethanol the logistical infrastructure necessary to take advantage of the resources of the bio-mass rich Northeast as well as easily service the alternative energy needs of the region and European markets.

With one of the highest unemployment rates in the country at 12.7 percent, Rhode Island, more than almost any other state, needs federal assistance to build a green economy that will help create jobs now and in the future. The Atlantic Ethanol project will directly produce over 100 high paying bio-tech manufacturing jobs and create hundreds of jobs to construct and service the plant. In a state where every job matters and with a federal focus on alternative energy projects and job creation, the economic need of the state should weigh heavily as you consider this request.

I commend the Atlantic Ethanol project and urge you to consider this alternative energy investment within all applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401/528-5200.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed
United States Senator

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Dear Elizabeth,

I have been contacted by [redacted], a constituent from Roscoe, who is inquiring about the UniStar Nuclear Energy loan guarantee.

I have enclosed a copy of the original letter, and I would appreciate it if you could please provide us information that addresses the issue consistent with your applicable rules and regulations.

I know that the matter will be carefully and objectively reviewed, and I am grateful for any assistance you may be able to render. Please forward any correspondence to my legislative correspondent **Kelli Nelson** in my Washington D.C. office. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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March 19, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: DE-FOA-0000140, The Doe Run Company New Technology Lead Processing Facility
Project Name: Energy-Efficient, Emission-Free, New Lead Production Technology

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of the above referenced loan guarantee application. As the largest integrated lead producer in the Western Hemisphere, Doe Run's activities and job base are critically important to the residents of Missouri.

This project would help commercialize a technology that will help transform the way lead metal is refined around the world, and establish that global transformation right here in the United States. Construction of the facility would also help retain domestic manufacturing jobs for the many products that rely on lead metal as a primary component.

Doe Run's advanced lead processing technology presents a unique solution to both environmental challenges and the loss of American jobs. The new technology relies on a wet chemical process that would essentially replace the heat-based smelting process used in lead production for more than 100 years. Rapid deployment of this clean, energy efficient process will drastically reduce air, water and solid waste emissions. Without such technology, American jobs in lead processing will be at risk and pollution levels higher than necessary.

With the Department of Energy's critical financial assistance, Doe Run's facility could provide an opportunity for the U.S. to retain and expand its leadership in lead processing. Lead processing is vital to many domestic supply chains. For example, this project could assure the metal supply for demand growth in hybrids and other lead-dependent electric vehicles.

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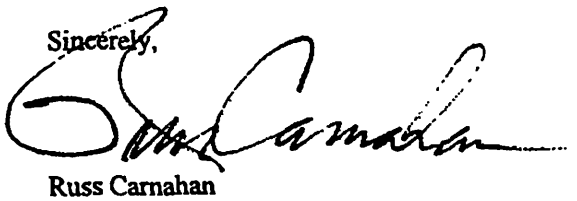
In closing, I want to reiterate my support for this loan guarantee application. The construction of this facility will allow for the commercialization of an energy efficient lead processing technology, creating new, clean energy jobs and preventing the loss of existing jobs. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Congress of the United States
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March 19, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As members of the Virginia Congressional delegation, we are writing in support of a workable nuclear loan guarantee program. The nuclear loan program has the potential to help aid a nuclear renaissance. The rest of the world is far outpacing the U.S. in its commitment to clean nuclear energy. A workable nuclear loan guarantee program will promote green energy by encouraging the production of more nuclear sites which provide CO2 emission-free energy.

As you know, UniStar Nuclear, in partnership with Virginia-based AREVA, has received approval from both the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Maryland Public Service Commission to build a 1,600 megawatt nuclear unit at Calvert Cliffs in Southern Maryland. AREVA has indicated to us that a workable loan guarantee is essential for the project to move forward. Judging from historical and modeled data it is reasonable to conclude that the risk of default for the Calvert Cliffs project would be very low, while the rate of recovery would be very high. It seems that the loan guarantee formula does not take into account that nuclear energy is a proven technology with a historically low default rate, criteria that are central to the level of the credit subsidy. Given the historical and modeled data for this project, it is reasonable that the credit subsidy should not be more than 1%. We ask you for your assistance to make the nuclear loan guarantee more effective to facilitate a new generation of emission-free energy.

The success of the Calvert Cliffs project is of great importance to the Commonwealth of Virginia. While the reactor will be based in Maryland, the design and production of this reactor will support jobs in Virginia due to the collaboration UniStar has with Virginia-based AREVA. In Lynchburg, VA, this project would support around 400 jobs in the design of the reactor and in Newport News, VA, the project would support around 200 jobs in the actual production of components for the reactor. Further, AREVA does business with over 1,600 vendors in the Commonwealth of Virginia which would benefit from this project.

The success of the nuclear loan guarantee program is vital to the Commonwealth of Virginia. We hope that you will work to resolve outstanding issues with the nuclear loan guarantee program for not just the success of the Calvert Cliffs projects but to encourage and promote this carbon-free technology.

Sincerely,

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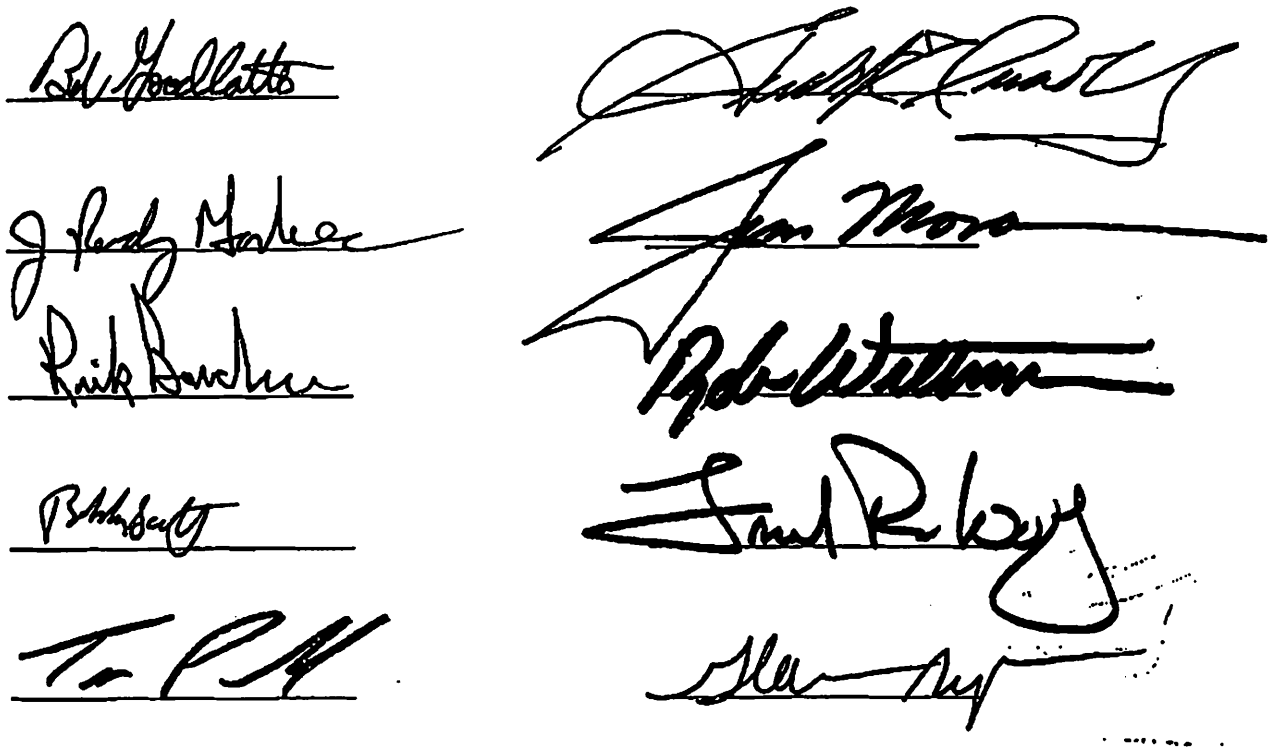

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Re: DE-FOA-0000005

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am writing to you in support of Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc.'s application for a Department of Energy (DOE) loan guarantee for "Project Sierra." I understand that DOE is re-reviewing Fulcrum's application due to errors made during an initial technical analysis, and I urge you to quickly and thoroughly conduct your evaluation.

I am informed that Fulcrum has applied for a $70 million loan guarantee and has secured pledges of private support for Project Sierra. This project would process post-sorted municipal solid waste into ethanol, and data provided by Fulcrum indicates the process produces 75 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than production of gasoline. Fulcrum estimates that this initiative will create 1,000 jobs and allow the company to produce ethanol for less than one dollar per gallon.

I also understand that Fulcrum has received positive feedback from DOE officials regarding Project Sierra and could begin construction as soon as final financing is secured. I hope that you will quickly complete ongoing reviews and that Fulcrum may proceed to construction as expeditiously as possible. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress

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April 1, 2010

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Dr. Chu

I write in support of the proposal submitted under the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) by the Aspen Aerogels Incorporation.

Since its inception, Aspen has been a Massachusetts-based company, with an office in Marlborough, MA and with headquarters and an R&D facility in Northborough, MA which houses its applications, prototype development laboratories and corporate offices. Aspen has been producing insulation for commercial customers at its Northborough plant since 2004, and in 2006 began producing aerogel insulation on a full-scale production line at its East Providence, RI manufacturing facility. In this time, Aspen has rapidly grown to employ 117 dedicated scientists, engineers, manufacturing line workers, sales staff, and management.

Energy efficiency initiatives like Aspen's will expedite the nation's shift away from fossil fuels, reduce dependence on foreign oil, enhance U.S. energy security, and speed reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Aspen's ultra-thermal, highly energy efficient insulation has undergone extensive product testing, has been proven in the field, and has the potential to significantly reduce capital and operational costs to operate our nation's pipelines, power plants, industrial manufacturing facilities, and commercial and residential buildings. Aspen's aerogel blanket insulation products have particular potential in the Industrial, Oil and Gas, Utility and Building and Construction markets in helping companies lower costs by increasing energy efficiency and reduce their environmental footprint by cutting their greenhouse gas emissions.

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advanced clean energy technology products. The jobs and production capabilities that this project will create will help Massachusetts on the road to economic recovery, creating a sustainable foundation for continued job growth and technological innovation.

I respectfully request you give Aspen Aerogels Incorporation application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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April 5, 2010

Jonathan M. Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs Office
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am pleased to write in support of Record Hill Wind's grant application to DOE's Innovative Technology Federal Loan Guarantee Program, reference number DE-FOA-0000140.

Record Hill's Roxbury, Maine project has received all necessary local and state permits. The project will create a new source of renewable energy and provide for hundreds of good paying construction jobs. Maine needs more such renewable energy projects that can help reduce our reliance on fuels from other nations, and this clean energy project will significantly reduce carbon emissions to help reach state objectives to reduce GHG emissions as well.

I urge the Department of Energy to look favorably on this request.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I wrote to you on October 30, 2009 about concerns that had previously been brought to my attention about delays in processing applications in the Department of Energy's Title 17 loan guarantee program, and I requested that you set clear and transparent goals for processing applications. I appreciated the response on February 12, 2010 explaining the Department has worked in recent months to add staff and improve coordination with applicants.

However, I recently learned that an applicant proposing to develop a solar project on disturbed private land in California, Abengoa Solar, is in what it termed "federal permitting no-man's land" due in large part to the lack of clarity from the Department on when its loan application will be processed. I write this letter in order to request again that the Department:

- Set clear timelines for processing loan guarantee applications;
- Provide Congress with a progress report on all pending applications;
- Give clear priority to projects that are making significant progress in federal, state, and county permitting; and
- Move proposed solar projects on disturbed land in California into the environmental review process as quickly as possible.

I am concerned that delays in processing loan guarantee applications are having a cascading effect on applicants' ability to complete the necessary environmental reviews and permitting processes in time to commence construction

by the deadlines imposed in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). For example, Abengoa Solar informed my staff that it submitted an application in December 2009 but that the Department has not assigned a case manager to review the application and provided no firm timeline for action.

The Abengoa project would develop a 250-megawatt solar thermal facility on private former agricultural land near Barstow, California. Although the applicant is far along in the State of California's rigorous environmental review and permitting process, the company cannot begin the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA) reviews until the Department begins processing its application and a federal nexus is triggered.

Delays in processing applications for proposed development on private land could encourage renewable energy developers to pursue development on less suitable, pristine federal lands, on which the NEPA and ESA consultation processes are triggered in a timely manner. I strongly believe that the Federal government has an obligation to minimize any bias that pushes development toward pristine land, and I ask you immediately to initiate a NEPA review for any loan guarantee applicant proposing private lands development that has made significant progress under state and local permitting, in order to remove this bias.

I am also concerned that loan guarantee application reviews remain behind schedule. In order to understand the extent of this challenge, I ask that the Department provide a status report on pending applications. I would appreciate you providing, by April 20th, a report including:

- The number and average size in megawatts of renewable energy loan applications for California projects and the number and average size of projects proposed for private lands;
- The number of loan guarantee applications that have been received for the different parts of each loan category solicitation;
- The number of loan guarantee applications that are under review for part 1, the number that have completed part 1 and are being evaluated under part 2, and the number that have entered the due diligence part of the process for each category;
- The average number of days it takes the Department of Energy to complete evaluation of an application under part 1, part 2, and the due diligence phase;

- The number and percentage of loan guarantee applicants who have been given a clear timeline by which DOE intends to make decisions, and the number and percentage of application reviews that are "on schedule;"
- An estimate of the number of reviews that will be completed by December 2010; and
- The total amount of loan guarantees requested, the equity requirements expected, and projected Federal cost for the projects in each category.

Finally, if the Department of Energy cannot realistically process all the pending applications by the deadlines established in the ARRA, I request that you (1) establish a list of priority applications which are furthest along in the State and Federal permitting processes, including projects on private lands, for which the Department will complete its work by December 2010, and (2) actively support the Renewable Energy Incentive Act, which would extend the vitally important Treasury Grants Program for renewable energy projects beyond 2010.

I thank you for the Department's progress in implementing the loan guarantee program to date. I look forward to receiving a progress report by April 20th, and to working with you to assure that this program facilitates rapid development of renewable energy technology in California. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Jonathan M. Silver
Executive Director of the Loan Programs
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Dear Mr. Silver,

RE: MiaSolé -- Loan Guarantee Application, U.S. Department of Energy

Thank you for your recent response to my letter of support for MiaSolé's application to the loan guarantee program awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. As you know, MiaSolé is planning to invest in a solar photovoltaic manufacturing center in Spalding County, which is located in my district. Spalding County is currently facing 15% unemployment, and this plant will create nearly 850 high wage jobs which would have significant impact in this area.

I recently had an opportunity to meet with the top executives of MiaSolé to review the scope and timing of this exciting project for Spalding County. From my perspective, this application meets all the objectives of the solicitation and will bring welcome relief for local employment. We are hopeful for a positive outcome and look forward to our community's participation in the future of renewable energy.

I continue to fully support MiaSolé's efforts to pursue a loan guarantee for this outstanding project for Georgia. I appreciate your consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

Lynn A. Westmoreland
Member of Congress

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Dr. Steven Chu
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I respectfully request you give Aspen Aerogels Incorporation application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Silver:

I write to you today with concern regarding the implementation process of the Department of Energy (DOE) 1703 and 1705 Loan Guarantee Programs authorized in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* (ARRA). As you know, Congress provided $4 billion for these programs in ARRA to leverage significant of private capital to advance innovative and commercial clean energy technologies. I have a keen interest in ensuring that these funds are administered quickly and effectively.

While I have little doubt that DOE is taking care to ensure that loan guarantee awards are meritorious and a wise use of taxpayer funds, speed in administering ARRA funds is critical because of the state of the U.S. economy, especially in Michigan. There are very important applications pending before the Department, including a proposal that would transform an historic auto plant in Wixom Michigan into a large clean energy manufacturing center that would provide thousands of jobs in the Detroit region. It is my hope that the Department is moving with all due speed to process such applications.

To that end, I would respectfully request answers to the following questions:

1. Please describe the process and timeline DOE uses to determine whether a Round 2 applicant will proceed to the due diligence phase of the loan guarantee process.
2. My understanding is that DOE initially set a February 2010 deadline to notify entities that submitted Round 2 applications in December 2009 that they would proceed to the due diligence phase. Is this correct? If yes, has DOE notified successful Round 2 applicants that they will proceed to the due diligence phase?
3. If the answer to my previous question is no, please advise the revised schedule of when DOE will provide these notifications and if notifications for successful and unsuccessful applicants will be provided at the same time.

I would appreciate written responses to these questions by Friday, April 23, 2010. If you have questions, you may contact Katie Murtha in my office at (202) 225-4071. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

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Dear Ms. Nolan:

I write in support of an application submitted by Aspen Aerogels, Inc. ("Aspen") to secure funding for expansion of its Rhode Island manufacturing and fabrication facility through the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program.

Aspen, headquartered in Northborough, Massachusetts, with manufacturing operations in East Providence, Rhode Island, produces quality advanced aerogel thermal insulation. The expansion of the Rhode Island facility would triple Aspen's manufacturing capacity through the addition of two new manufacturing lines and related facilities. Aspen anticipates that the project will create approximately 65 jobs and expand economic activity for contractors, raw material suppliers, and equipment manufacturers.

Rhode Island has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country, currently hovering at approximately 13%, and is in its 28th month of severe recession, so this type of project is urgently needed.

I respectfully request that you give due consideration to this application in accordance with all rules and regulations of your agency. If you have any questions, please contact Rele Abiade in the Providence office at (401) 453-5294, or via email at rele_abiade@whtiehouse.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

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April 16, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that Elio Motors, Inc. has applied for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Elio Motors has developed a high mileage, low cost vehicle. This vehicle will meet U. S. goals for safety and support domestic manufacturing as many of the component parts will be produced in the U. S. This funding will enable them to establish a manufacturing facility in Pontiac, Michigan.

The State of Michigan and the City of Pontiac are well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that companies, like Elio Motors recognize the opportunities available to them in Southeast Michigan. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Elio Motors, Inc. is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles in Michigan. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

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April 16, 2010

Honorable Steven Chu, PhD
The Secretary of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write in support of Aspen Aerogels' proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) for projects that employ innovative energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. Aspen Aerogel proposes to expand its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, located in East Providence, Rhode Island, to triple the Company's manufacturing capacity to produce its revolutionary aerogel insulation technology solution.

Energy efficiency initiatives like Aspen's will significantly contribute to the nation's shift away from fossil fuels, reduce dependence on foreign oil, enhance U.S. energy security, and speed reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. Aspen's ultra-thermal, highly energy efficient insulation has the potential to significantly reduce capital and operational costs to operate our nation's pipelines, power plants, industrial manufacturing facilities, and commercial and residential buildings. Aspen's aerogel blanket insulation products have particular potential in the Industrial, Oil & Gas, Utility and Building & Construction markets in helping companies lower costs by increasing energy efficiency and reduce their environmental footprint by cutting their greenhouse gas emissions.

Aspen's project will also promote job creation in Rhode Island associated with both infrastructure investment and manufacturing of advanced clean energy technology products. While Aspen is headquartered in Northborough, Massachusetts, Aspen's manufacturing expansion project will be located in the City of East Providence, an area whose manufacturing sector has struggled, particularly amid the economic downturn. Rhode Island is a state that has been hardest hit during this economic crisis, suffering with one of the highest unemployment rates in the country at 12.7 percent. The jobs and production capabilities that this project will create will help the State of Rhode Island and City of East Providence build upon the green economy sector and contribute to creating a sustainable foundation for continued job growth and technological innovation. In a state where every job matters and with a federal focus on energy efficiency, alternative energy projects and job creation, the economic need of the state should weigh heavily as you consider this request.

I commend Aspen Aerogels' project and urge you to consider this alternative energy investment within all applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Albert of my Providence Office at 401/528-5200.

Sincerely,

Jack Reed
United States Senator

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Dear Secretary Chu:

The Idaho Congressional Delegation strongly supports the application of Transform Holdings, Inc. to the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program for the Transform Solar Manufacturing Project. This shovel-ready project will provide significant American manufacturing opportunities by re-engineering old semiconductor manufacturing facilities and generating new opportunities for outdated facilities, creating jobs, and commercializing a novel renewable energy technology.

The proposed Transform Solar Manufacturing project features the retrofitting of outdated manufacturing plants in Boise, Idaho, to produce novel solar cells that are commercially viable based on proven manufacturing expertise and an innovative technology. This expansion project will commercialize an already demonstrated project which has been shown to produce reliable high-efficiency, photovoltaic cells in a cost-effective manner in the United States. The Transform Solar project will accomplish this while also saving over a hundred jobs in Boise, Idaho, and creating 500-600 more jobs in Idaho in the next three years.

The Transform Solar project adds critical and affordable American manufacturing capacity to the northwest region of the United States. As you well know, the majority of renewable energy technologies are produced overseas and imported to satisfy the increased demand for renewable energy. While ongoing government efforts and subsides have made it possible for some renewable technologies to be produced in the United States, if we are to develop a renewable energy industry in America, we must support the development of numerous demonstrated and proven projects. The Transform Solar project would provide an opportunity to produce affordable and reliable innovative solar cells in America.

This project also opens up a new opportunity for the United States renewable energy industry. It will not only provide high-paying jobs in an economically distressed region, but will produce an affordable renewable energy solution that can be used by industry at home and abroad, as well as assist with the national security goal of becoming more energy independent. The Transform Solar project will produce flexible photovoltaic solar cells that are more efficient than traditional rooftop residential and commercial installations and also can be used for more innovative industry and military applications. For example, due to the unique properties of these solar cells, opportunities to embed these cells in windows and military uniforms are being explored and could be a possibility in the near future.

Further, because the project utilizes existing facilities, it is our understanding that the Transform Solar project is well-positioned to receive the necessary environmental and regulatory permits. We also understand this project can be operating in less than 12 months of the decision to proceed.

Again, we offer our strong support for the Transform Solar project loan guarantee application and would urge the Department to act expeditiously on this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mike Crapo
U.S. Senator

James E. Risch
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April 26, 2010

Mr. Lachlan Seward
Director
Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Seward:

I write to you on behalf of Severstal North America, Inc., a steel manufacturer headquartered in Dearborn, Michigan. Severstal manufactures components for a range of automobile and light truck lines at several domestic automotive manufacturing plants.

On April 3, 2009, Severstal submitted an application to the Department for a $732 million loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (AVTM) Loan Program. The company's proposed project involves the design, enhancement, and construction of manufacturing facilities to produce advanced high strength steel (AHSS). Severstal believes AHSS can reduce the weight of structural steel in a vehicle by 25 percent, thereby significantly improving the fuel efficiency in passenger vehicles and light trucks. The light-weight materials produced by Severstal will be critical to the efforts of automotive manufacturers to comply with current and future fuel economy standards.

The Department deemed Severstal's application "substantially complete" on September 2, 2009, and informed Severstal a decision regarding final approval would be made by April 15, 2010. As of the writing of this letter, however, Severstal has still not received indication of the status of its loan application from the Department.

At a time of economic uncertainty, I urge the Department to move expeditiously to inform Severstal of the status of its AVTM loan application, which I believe merits strong consideration. The potential inability of Severstal to obtain this low-interest loan severely jeopardizes the future viability of the company's Dearborn, Michigan, facility and its 1,400 employees.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

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April 29, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, Southwest
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am contacting you regarding the current pace of development of cellulosic biofuels in the United States. Specifically, I am concerned that the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Loan Guarantee Program is not adequately supporting the development of next generation biofuels from cellulosic feedstock.

As you know, the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS-2) includes a federal mandate to produce a small but growing percentage of our motor fuel from advanced "cellulosic" biofuels. Homegrown biofuels provide a way to encourage economic development in rural areas, displace fossil fuel imports, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Feedstock used in the production of cellulosic biofuels can earn income that farmers would not otherwise receive because they can be grown on marginal land or come from commercial crop waste. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that RFS-2 will lead to an increase in net farm income of $13 billion in 2022, an income increase of 36 percent over baseline estimates.

The DOE's Loan Guarantee Program is critical to the development of cellulosic biofuels production. Despite issuing final regulations for the loan guarantee program in 2007 and soliciting six full applications for advanced biofuel facilities at that time, the Department of Energy has not approved a single loan guarantee for this type of project. I ask that the Department review its loan guarantee program and specifically address three questions:

- Is the DOE Loan Guarantee Program adequate for attracting private capital for cellulosic refineries?
- Do you expect that RFS-2 will spark new cellulosic project development?
- Are the terms of the loan guarantee prohibitive to current applicants?

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar

Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator

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May 4, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Transform Solar Loan Guarantee Application

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I write in support of Transform Solar's application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. The proposal would retrofit existing semiconductor manufacturing facilities in Boise, Idaho, and create hundreds of new jobs for producing high-efficiency photovoltaic solar cells.

The project is a partnership between Micron Technology, which has a substantial employee presence in my Northern Virginia district, and Origin Energy of Australia. Micron, a global leader in the semiconductor industry, is pursuing new opportunities in the renewable energy sector.

Transform Solar's proposal would develop new American manufacturing capacity by retrofitting an outdated semiconductor facility. It would retain more than 100 high-tech manufacturing jobs in Idaho in the first year and create 500 to 600 more high-tech manufacturing jobs over the next three years.

This project is well positioned to be operating within 12 months of obtaining project financing. It has the full support of the Idaho delegation, regional business groups and national industry organizations.

I believe this project provides an opportunity to advance and fulfill critical energy and economic priorities for our nation and represents exactly the type of project the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act was intended to support.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly
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11th District, Virginia

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May 5, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Office of Loan Guarantee
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Silver,

I am writing to express my strong support for the federal loan guarantee application under Section 1705 submitted by Granite Reliable Power to develop the Granite Reliable Power Windpark in Coos County, New Hampshire.

This project will help meet the growing alternative energy demands of New Hampshire and Vermont, generating 99 MW from 33 wind turbines. In 2007, New Hampshire passed a Renewable Portfolio Standard that requires utilities to secure almost 24% of their power from clean, alternative sources by 2025. In 2009, Vermont set non-binding renewable energy goals of 10% by 2013 and 20% by 2017. The Granite Reliable Power project will help both states meet their renewable energy targets.

Most importantly, the project will create jobs and help stimulate the economy. Granite Reliable Power projects that the project will create an estimated 200 workers during the construction phase and 6 full-time technicians during the operational phase. In addition, the turbine blades and towers of the Vestas wind turbines utilized in the Granite Reliable Project will be manufactured in Colorado.

It is my strong belief that America needs to take control of its energy future by embracing clean, alternative energy in order to create jobs, break our dependence on foreign fuels, and reduce carbon emissions. The Granite Reliable Power Windpark is a strong step in this direction.

I fully support Granite Reliable Power's application and urge your serious consideration of this worthy project. If you have any questions, please contact my Energy Policy Advisor, Trent Bauserman, at (202) 224-2841.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen

Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

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May 6, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to request that serious consideration be given to Solar Junction's application for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Solar Junction is headquartered in my district in San Jose, California.

Solar Junction reports that the loan guarantee, if granted, would enable the company to expand its current 7 megawatt demonstration facility to a 100 megawatt high-efficiency solar cell manufacturing facility. The company has explained that the proposed project would commercialize an entirely new class of high-efficiency solar cells and high concentration photovoltaic (HCPV) components. Solar Junction believes that its technology will result in a leap in conversion efficiency by 3-5% absolute (8-13% relative) and enable the near-term commercial availability of up to 45% efficient multi-junction solar cells for use in concentrated photovoltaic (CPV) systems.

Solar Junction's proposal has the support of the Mayor of San Jose and the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, which has provided Solar Junction with a $500,000 grant to assist with the purchase of capital equipment.

Thank you for the Department's full and fair consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

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May 7, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write today in support of Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. and its loan guarantee application submitted in response to the Department of Energy's solicitation DE-FOA 0000132.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high voltage direct current power transmission project that will play a critical role in advancing federal and state "Smart Grid" and renewable energy policies.

This project will bring 2,000 megawatts of clean renewable energy supplied from Canada to New York City and southwestern Connecticut, and it represents approximately $3.8 billion in new capital investment. Studies performed by London Economics International demonstrate that the project will provide significant rate relief to the New York City metropolitan area and that energy prices generally will be reduced. Studies also show that the project will make for dramatic reductions in air pollution in the northeast, including carbon emissions.

I believe that the Champlain Hudson Power Express provides critical environmental and economic benefits to New York and Connecticut. It will serve as a model of how new energy ideas can bring about a brighter future for our nation.

Your full and fair consideration of this project, consistent with all federal laws and policies, is appreciated. Please feel free to contact Peter Rocco in my office at (202) 225-3371 or by email at peter.rocco@mail.house.gov if you or your staff have any questions. Also, please keep my office advised of any impending determination that your agency may be making with respect to the project's application.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL E. MCMAHON
Member of Congress

cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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May 10, 2010

Mr. Jonathan M. Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for SunPower Corporation's Loan Guarantee Application

Mr. Silver:

We write to you today to express support for SunPower Corporation's Loan Guarantee application. As you know, SunPower Corporation intends to develop and construct the California Valley Solar Ranch, a 250 MW solar power facility, located in San Luis Obispo County, CA, and is seeking to finance a substantial portion of the cost of the project with a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy.

It is our understanding that on February 18, 2010, SunPower submitted the Part I Loan Guarantee application for their project in response to Solicitation No. DE-FOA-0000140 issued on July 29, 2009. Subsequently, SunPower was notified that the project met the threshold requirements of the Solicitation and was invited to submit a Part II application due by May 14, 2010.

This is precisely the type of clean energy project envisioned by Congress when we passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Development of this project will help California reach its landmark greenhouse gas reduction goals by bringing 250 MW of clean power online. Moreover, it will spur significant domestic job creation, including in the hard-hit manufacturing and construction sectors in California and across the country.

We respectfully ask that you give SunPower's application full and fair consideration when making the final selection for applicants to proceed to the next phase of the process. Thank you for your attention to our views.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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May 10, 2010

Mr. Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Mr. Peter Orszag
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Chu and Director Orszag,

We believe the Department of Energy has a critical role to play as we undertake a major renovation of our national energy systems in order to increase energy security and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to responsibility for a broad energy research and development program, we consider DOE's loan guarantee program to be a necessary tool to encourage expeditious deployment and commercialization of alternative energy technologies. Careful structuring of this loan guarantee program in its early years will be critical to its long term success. In that regard, we have two concerns about current loan guarantee activities at DOE.

In February, the Department of Energy announced conditional commitments for a total of $8.33 billion for loan guarantees for the construction and operation of two new nuclear power reactors in Georgia. Under existing loan guarantee authority for nuclear power projects at DOE, the borrower is required to pay the subsidy cost for the loan guarantee. This "subsidy cost" is the expected long-term liability to the Federal government of the loan guarantee. Thus, for example, if DOE is projected to be required to repay 10 percent of the funds covered by a set of similar loan guarantees, the subsidy cost for those guarantees would be 10 percent of the total of the loan values.

Our first concern is that there is considerable risk to the Treasury and taxpayers if the subsidy rate is set artificially low. We believe the subsidy rate needs to reflect the fact that nuclear power plant projects have a history of project development challenges that have resulted in numerous cost overruns and have led to a significant number of project cancellations. Moreover, the very fact that DOE loan guarantees are intended to "encourage early commercial use in the United States of new or significantly improved technologies in energy projects" means that these projects carry more associated risks than would projects involving the construction of plants using well-established technologies with access to private financing. To inform this complex issue, we believe it would be appropriate for the Department to acquire a separate analysis of appropriate subsidy fees for new nuclear power projects from an independent entity such as one of the National Academies.

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We are also concerned because it appears that DOE does not intend to release information on the subsidy cost fees associated with these or other loan guarantees. This seems inappropriate given that taxpayer dollars are guaranteeing these loans. We ask that you provide us, in writing, the amounts of the subsidy cost fees associated with these loan guarantees, along with relevant information regarding their derivation. Alternatively, we ask that you provide us with a detailed rationale for any decision not to release this information to the public.

We believe that the integrity and future success of this loan guarantee program depends on sound and transparent management, especially pertaining to the associated subsidy fees. We are grateful to you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your prompt response.

SINCERELY,

Tom Harkin

TOM HARKIN
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Anna G. Eshoo
Fourteenth District
California

May 13, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I'm writing with regard to SunPower's Loan Guarantee application recently submitted for consideration to the Department of Energy (DOE). SunPower intends to develop and construct the California Valley Solar Ranch, a 250 MW solar power facility, located in San Luis Obispo County, California, and to finance a substantial portion of the cost of the project with this loan guarantee.

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SunPower's project, if funded, would help California reach its climate change policy goals, decrease our reliance on foreign fossil fuels, and create green jobs in research, manufacturing, and construction sectors.

I respectfully request that you give SunPower's application your highest consideration when making the final selection for applicants to proceed to the next phase of the process.

Sincerely, and gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

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May 14, 2010

Mr. Jonathan M. Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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RE: Support for SunPower Corporation's DOE Loan Guarantee Application

Dear Mr Silver:

I am writing you to express my support for **SunPower Corporation's** Loan Guarantee application. SunPower Corporation intends to develop and construct the California Valley Solar Ranch, a 250 MW solar power facility, located in San Luis Obispo County, CA and to finance a substantial portion of the cost of the project with a loan guaranty by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 – Section 1703 ("Loan Guarantee") with 3rd party equity to be raised through a private placement or sale process and or through the tax equity market.

On February 18, 2010 SunPower Corporation submitted the Part I Loan Guarantee application for their project in response to Solicitation No. DE-FOA-0000140 issued on July 29, 2009. Subsequently, on April 21, 2010 SunPower was notified that by DOE that our project met the threshold requirements of the Solicitation and was invited to submit a Part II application due by May 14, 2010.

In the 15th Congressional District, SunPower is building its first domestic solar manufacturing facility in the City of Milpitas. The new factory is expected to create 100 new jobs by the end of the year. The establishment of the new facility displays SunPower's commitment to meeting the goals that the DOE has to create jobs and drive economic growth through innovation, science and technology. Such projects will not only help California reach its climate goals but it will also produce green jobs in California including corporate, manufacturing and construction opportunities. I respectfully ask that you give SunPower's application due consideration when making the final selection for applicants to proceed to the next phase of the process.

Respectfully,

Michael M. Honda
Member of Congress

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May 25, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I write in support of the Champlain Hudson Power Express's loan guarantee application to Department of Energy solicitation No. DE-FOA 0000132. This project would provide significant economic opportunities to New York City and Long Island, would bring about greater competition among energy providers, and would deliver clean and renewable energy to the region.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high-voltage, direct-current power transmission project that will bring 2,000 megawatts of clean and renewable wind and hydroelectric power to New York's downstate region and to southwestern Connecticut. The 370-mile long transmission line will be built completely underwater and underground along railway routes, eliminating the visual impact and adverse environmental issues commonly associated with overhead transmission lines.

For decades, New York City and Long Island residents have endured some of the highest electricity rates in the continental United States. Bringing additional capacity to the region will put downward pressure on energy prices and increase competition and stability in the market. Further, the greater New York Metropolitan area is one of the largest energy consumption markets in the country. As we seek to reduce carbon emissions and transition to a green, sustainable economy, it is essential that clean, renewable energy is brought to this area.

I hope you will give the Champlain Hudson Power Express's application your consideration. If there is any additional information that I can provide, I hope that you will not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Ackerman

Gary L. Ackerman
Member of Congress

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May 26, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Re: DOE Solicitation No. DE-FOA 0000132
Loan Guarantee Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express

Dear Secretary Chu,

Long Island has struggled with high electric rates for many years and demand is expected to continue to grow for the foreseeable future. As eastern Long Island's representative in Congress, I would welcome any environmentally responsible project that could provide additional capacity and bring relief to our residential and commercial ratepayers.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high voltage direct current power transmission project that will deliver 2,000 megawatts of renewable energy to New York's downstate region and southwestern Connecticut. Recent economic studies indicate that the project could provide significant rate relief to New York City and Long Island as well as potentially to the entire State of New York.

Because this 370-mile long transmission line will be built completely underwater and underground, there are no visual impacts or condemnation issues often associated with overhead transmission lines. Bringing clean wind and hydro power to our area connects the best source of supply to the immediate and future needs of Long Islanders. This forward-thinking project has the potential to create downward pressure on rates and increase competition and stability in the wholesale market.

Provided that the application meets all program requirements and can demonstrate the ability to comply with all federal and state regulatory and environmental requirements, I strongly encourage you to include the Champlain Hudson Power Express as one of the participants in the DOE loan guarantee program for transmission projects.

I would appreciate it if you could keep my office appraised of the status of your review in advance of any formal determination on this application. I look forward to continuing our work together in support of our mutual objectives for cleaner, more efficient energy sources. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tim Bishop
Member of Congress

cc. Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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May 28, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
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Re: DOE Solicitation No. DE-FOA 0000132
Loan Guarantee Application of
Champlain Hudson Power Express

Dear Secretary Chu:

On Long Island, my constituents face some of the highest electric rates in the country. This impacts the local economy significantly especially with family budgets' tight and businesses considering moving to avoid the high costs. That is why I am on a relentless mission to pursue clean and sustainable energy opportunities for Long Islanders. With that in mind, I write to encourage the Department of Energy to give full and fair consideration to the loan guarantee application referenced above.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high voltage direct current power transmission project that will play a critical role in advancing federal and state smart grid and renewable energy policies. Additionally, this environmentally responsible project has the potential to provide clean energy resources to Long Island homes and businesses at a lower cost. The Champlain Hudson Power Express project represents approximately $3.8 billion in new capital investment and brings with it the potential for as many as 150 permanent jobs in New York State.

I believe that the Champlain Hudson Power Express has the potential to provide critical environmental and economic benefits to New York State at a time when the need for new transmission infrastructure is very evident. Specifically, this project will bring 2,000 megawatts of carbon-free hydropower and wind energy from Canadian and American sources to New York's downstate region and southwestern Connecticut. Studies performed by London Economics International indicate that this project has the potential to provide billions of dollars

in rate relief to the downstate region including Long Island over the first ten years of the commercial operation of the project.

I appreciate your careful consideration of this application. I believe this project supports your continued leadership in developing a robust clean energy economy in the United States.

As you review this application by the Champlain Hudson Power Express, I would appreciate you keeping my office appraised of the status in advance of any formal determination. Thank you again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Israel
Member of Congress

cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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May 28, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Program Office
U.S. Department of Energy CF 1.3
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Washington D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Silver,

I write to you today in order to urge the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program to ensure that entities receiving loan guarantees source domestically manufactured products in their projects whenever a domestic product is available. It is my hope that the broad authority the Department of Energy received in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 allows for consideration of this request.

Loan guarantees provide valuable support for projects that "avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of green house gases and employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to technologies in service." Encouraging entities to source domestic products will enable these loan guarantees to have an additional benefit, aiding the economic recovery by bolstering American manufacturing and putting Americans back to work.

In this time of economic recovery it is vital that the Department of Energy not only focus on promoting commercial use of innovative technologies but also the domestic manufacturing of those technologies.

I would appreciate an update from you regarding the DOE loan guarantee program and what steps are in place to encourage the use of domestic components and materials.

Respectfully,

John A. Boccieri
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 2, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to express our strong support for V-Vehicle Company (VVC) and its resubmission of a loan application under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program.

VVC has the ability to transform communities in Louisiana by bringing critical economic growth and green jobs to our state and region. The company plans to re-equip a former Guide Corp. plant in Monroe, LA that was shuttered in 2006 and establish a production facility that would bring approximately 1,400 direct jobs and an additional 1,800 indirect jobs to Northeast Louisiana. The State of Louisiana and local communities have already demonstrated their commitment to the project by offering the company $82 million in grants, $12.8 million in employee training services, and an estimated $33.8 million in tax abatements to support the project.

VVC's automobile, the "V Car", is a low cost, fuel efficient vehicle that will meet aggressive emissions standards and the highest safety ratings. Every year, each V Car will save over 5,700 pounds (2.9 tons) of CO2 and 280 gallons of gas relative to the U.S. fleet average. And, the V Car will be a cost effective option for a range of customers, including working Americans who would not otherwise be able to afford an advanced technology vehicle.

Over the past several months, VVC has continued moving ahead on the V Car's path to production and recently unveiled a drivable prototype. Many of us have had the opportunity to drive the V Car, and have been impressed by its quality and design. There is no doubt that VVC is on track to making an affordable, fuel efficient car a reality.

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We strongly urge you to give VVC's application expedited consideration so that the benefits of this project can quickly be realized in our state and nation. We look forward to working with you to make this project a reality and bring 1,400 new jobs to Louisiana.

Sincerely,

Mary Landrieu
United States Senator

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June 7, 2010

Honorable Steven Chu, PhD
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for a proposal submitted by Atlantic Ethanol, Inc. to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program. The purpose of these funds is to construct an advanced cellulosic bio-energy production facility in North Kingstown, Rhode Island at the Quonset/Davisville Industrial Park.

This project has many advantages among which is the fact that it would be located in the biomass rich Northeast, with plentiful feedstock supply. Furthermore the production facility is located in a region with the highest ethanol blending demand in the United States. Another benefit is that the site provides the company with strategic low cost and monetary location advantages from a unique northeast coastal location with excellent rail and barge connections and easy access to European markets. Consequently, the cost to deliver ethanol by barge to target East Coast markets is approximately $.025 cheaper per gallon than delivery by rail tank car from the Midwest.

The downturn in the economy has greatly affected Rhode Island which has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country. Atlantic Ethanol will directly produce 100+ high paying, bio-tech manufacturing jobs, averaging $50,000/year and hundreds of indirect jobs to service the plant. The regional effect will be thousands of jobs as farm and other communities gear up to supply biomass to the facility.

I wholeheartedly support the Atlantic Ethanol project. Its implementation is of significant importance to all of Rhode Island and I urge your consideration. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Augenstein in my office at 401-732-9400 ext. 12.

Sincerely,

James R Langevin

James R. Langevin
Member of Congress

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June 9, 2010

Ms. Elizabeth A. Nolan
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
United States Department of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Ms. Nolan:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Your investigation of the statements contained therein would be helpful. In addition, I would greatly appreciate any information necessary to make a satisfactory reply to my constituent.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity. Please respond to my Lancaster office at: 150 North Queen Street, Suite 716
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Cordially,

Joseph R. Pitts
Member of Congress

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June 10, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Silver:

We write to express our support for a Phase II loan guarantee application submitted by Fulcrum BioEnergy, Inc for construction of "Project Sierra," an innovative biofuels production facility.

Fulcrum has applied for a $70 million loan guarantee to bolster pledges of private support for Project Sierra. This facility would process post-sorted municipal solid waste into ethanol, providing a new and affordable source of transportation fuel. Fulcrum has provided information showing that its process would generate ethanol for less than one dollar per gallon and is environmentally beneficial, producing 75 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than gasoline.

Approving Fulcrum's loan guarantee application will help bolster the economy and quickly create jobs by facilitating investment in this "ready-to-go" project. Fulcrum is headquartered in California and has acquired the necessary permits to construct Project Sierra at a location in Nevada. Construction can begin as soon as final financing is secured, and Fulcrum estimates that Project Sierra will support 1,000 jobs. These high quality employment opportunities will be created in multiple states, providing broad economic benefit. Fulcrum is also actively pursuing project developments in sites across the country, and could potentially create many more jobs in the future.

We recognize that the Department of Energy (DOE) is evaluating numerous loan guarantee requests. However, we believe that Fulcrum's efforts clearly merit the Department's support and will benefit the twin policy objectives of creating jobs and spurring renewable energy development. The private sector is also monitoring DOE's review, and failure by DOE to act in a timely manner could send an unfortunate, and thoroughly unintended, signal to potential investors. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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June 18, 2010

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan
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Dear Ms. Nolan,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, [redacted], who has contacted me regarding the status of his loan request to the U.S. Department of Energy. I have enclosed a copy of correspondence that explains this case.

I would appreciate your reviewing this correspondence to assist my constituent in resolving this matter. Please direct all questions and correspondence to Katie R. LaShomb in my Rochester District Office at (585) 232-4850.

Thank you for your timely assistance with this matter. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Louise

Louise Slaughter
Member of Congress

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 24, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As you are aware, the U.S. is dependent upon China for more than 97 percent of our rare earth supply, including 100 percent of rare earth metals and 80 percent of rare earth magnets needed by critical clean energy technologies, including electric vehicles, high efficiency wind turbines, and compact florescent light bulbs. China's economic growth is producing commensurate growth in the consumption of its own rare earth resources and forcing reductions in exports. According to projections, the U.S. and the rest of the world could face rare earth shortages as early as 2011.

Such a supply crisis could jeopardize our ability to deploy key clean energy technologies and achieve our broader national energy objectives. It also raises serious national security concerns. In fact, a recent report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that rare earths are responsible for the "functionality" of equipment in many defense technologies, and it concluded that it is "difficult to replace [rare earths] without losing performance."

We were pleased to see the Department's recently announced intent to develop a rare earths strategic plan that will focus on increasing supply, encouraging recycling and investigating substitution strategies. However, we believe that more immediate action may be necessary to avert near-term rare earth shortages.

As such, we urge the DOE to strongly and expeditiously consider any application under the Section 1703 Loan Guarantee Program that helps to rebuild a domestic rare earth metal and permanent magnet manufacturing supply chain. This supply chain should include each of the downstream manufacturing steps needed to make permanent rare earth magnets: creation of high purity rare earth oxides, production of rare earth metals, fabrication of rare earth alloys, and the manufacture of rare earth permanent magnets.

These critical early stages of the advanced technology supply chain have obvious strategic value, and rebuilding that supply chain here in the U.S. will serve as a catalyst for domestic manufacturing job growth. Rare earth metals and magnets play an important role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, because a long list of key renewable energy and clean energy technologies rely on them. It only makes sense that the United States establishes a domestic capability to manufacture these important

resources. Without these capabilities, we will not only lack essential technological building blocks, but also, we will risk losing a critical opportunity for job creation and economic growth to China and other competing economies.

We applaud your commitment to devise a long-term strategy to ensure adequate supply of rare earths, and we look forward to reviewing the Department's plan. In the interim, we urge you to consider utilizing the loan guarantee program to accelerate the redevelopment of these critical manufacturing capabilities and make certain that our nation's economic, energy, and national security are not jeopardized by a rare earth supply shortage.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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June 28, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am pleased to offer my support for the new application submitted by Molycorp, Inc., for a loan guarantee under the Department of Energy's Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program. Molycorp's proposed project at Mountain Pass mine will help rebuild America's ability to manufacture the high purity oxides, critical metals, alloys, and permanent magnets that derive from rare earths. These rare earth resources are an indispensible component of clean energy technologies, such as high-efficiency wind turbines, advanced batteries, electric drive vehicles, compact fluorescent lighting, and electronic equipment.

This project will not only help complete the domestic supply chain for these critical metals and magnets; it will also directly create up to 900 well-paying U.S. manufacturing jobs – many in southern Nevada – as well as about 700 construction jobs for my state. Equally important, it will provide a domestic solution to looming rare earth supply concerns and improve the nation's competitive position in the clean energy sector.

As our country invests billions of dollars in clean energy technology development and commercialization, access to critical rare earth resources has come into question. Currently, China provides 97 percent of the world's rare earth minerals, nearly 100 percent of the derived metals, and 80 percent of the rare earth magnets. Complicating this imbalance, the Chinese government recently announced its intentions to curtail exports of its rare earth resources and will direct them toward its own aggressive development of renewable energy. The U.S. is currently unprepared for this decrease in supply.

Molycorp's project provides a timely and economically viable means to address this challenge. The U.S. Geological Survey has deemed the Mountain Pass mine "the greatest concentration of rare-earth minerals now known." The company has obtained the necessary 30-year mine plan permit, and the necessary environmental studies and permitting have been approved by applicable federal, state, and local agencies.

In this new application, Molycorp is focusing on the downstream production and manufacturing of the critical rare earth products that enable a wide variety of clean energy technologies that use permanent magnet generators. The project is designed to rebuild four critical phases of the rare earth supply chain: creation of high purity rare earth oxides, production

of rare earth metals, fabrication of rare earth alloys, and the manufacture of rare earth permanent magnets.

These early stages of the advanced technology supply chain have obvious strategic value, and rebuilding that supply chain here in the U.S. will serve as a catalyst for domestic manufacturing job growth. Rare earth metals and magnets play an important role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, because a long list of key clean energy technologies relies on them. It only makes sense that we establish a domestic capability to manufacture these important resources. Without it, we will not only lack essential technological building blocks, we will also risk losing a critical opportunity for job creation and economic growth to China and other competing economies.

As it expands its operations, Molycorp has also pledged to continue its efforts to ensure that the company's Mountain Pass mining operation and related facilities have minimal impact on the surrounding environment. For example, the company is deploying a variety of innovative technologies that significantly improve the operation's energy and resource efficiency. Among the improvements, Molycorp's new processes will decrease its fresh feed water usage by nearly 95%. It will recycle virtually all of the water it uses, and what limited amount is discharged will be properly managed consistent with all state and Federal requirements. Its new natural gas-fueled combined heat and power generator will not only improve its electricity reliability and cost, it will reduce the operation's carbon emissions by 32,000 tons per year.

Developing clean energy technology is a top priority for this nation, and this project will help solidify America's competitive position in the clean energy industry, while creating new jobs for Nevadans. I strongly encourage you to give Molycorp's new application your full consideration for the Loan Guarantee Program.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
Majority Leader

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June 30, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: DOE Solicitation No. DE-FOA 0000132
Loan Guarantee Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the loan guarantee application for Champlain Hudson Power Express.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high voltage direct current power transmission project that will bring 2,000 megawatts of renewable energy to New York's downstate region, including my district on Long Island. The 370-mile long transmission line will be built completely underwater and underground, so it will remain out of sight. Additionally, it is environmentally safe, unlike other transmission projects that previously have been met with opposition.

This project will provide affordable energy to New York, particularly to New York City and Long Island. My constituents pay some of the highest electric rates in the country. Given the high cost of living on Long Island, lower rates would certainly provide relief to residents and business owners.

Provided that the application meets all the requirements, I urge you to approve the loan guarantee application of the Champlain Hudson Power Express and select them as one of the participants in the DOE loan guarantee program for transmission projects. I thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing back from you on your decision.

Sincerely,

Peter T. King
Member of Congress

cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the recent application submitted by CODA Automotive U.S. and its affiliate Lio Energy Systems to the Advanced Technologies Vehicles Manufacturing Program. CODA and Lio are requesting a loan to establish a lithium-ion cell and battery pack manufacturing facility in central Ohio.

CODA is a U.S.-based company engaged in the design and production of all-electric, zero-emission automobiles. The Lio advanced manufacturing facility will initially supply the battery systems for more than 10,000 all-electric vehicles that CODA plans to produce by the end of 2011.

The Lio advanced manufacturing facility would strengthen America's capacity to engineer and produce the advanced technology vehicles we need to transition to a clean energy economy and reduce our dependence on imported oil.

The facility would also have a significant economic impact in Ohio, creating approximately 1,000 jobs for Ohio's skilled workers. Ohio is rapidly becoming a national leader in clean energy component manufacturing for the auto industry. This facility would help build the critical mass to make even more progress in the future. As an indication of the state's strong commitment to a clean energy future, both public and private partners in Ohio have already offered CODA over $100 million in support.

I urge you to give CODA's application your serious attention. This will provide long-term benefits to both Ohio and the nation.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for all you do

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Congress of the United States
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July 1, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As members of the Michigan delegation, we write to express our support for the prompt completion of consideration of loan applications that several Michigan-based automakers and component suppliers have filed under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVM), which was established by section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). These applications include those submitted by Chrysler and General Motors.

As you know, the purpose of the ATVM program is to provide loans for manufacturers and suppliers to retool factories in the U.S. to build high-fuel economy vehicles, and to perform the engineering integration necessary to incorporate new technology into these vehicles. As originally conceived, the ATVM program was intended to reach both original equipment manufacturers and component suppliers, both of which play a critical role in delivering the advanced vehicle technologies necessary to meet the demands for increased fuel economy performance.

Since the ATVM program was established, the need has only increased. In 2007, EISA set a goal that would require carmakers to increase fuel economy by 40 percent by the year 2020, and a 2009 agreement between stakeholders in the industry, the Administration and the State of California accelerates that requirement to model year 2016. As a result, both manufacturers and suppliers must accelerate their plans to improve fuel economy immediately, and the manufacturers' need for the ATVM loans is even more urgent.

Applications made by companies based in the State of Michigan will help fulfill the promise of the ATVM program. According to April 2010 estimates of the Center for Automotive Research, the automotive industry (including original equipment manufacturers and component suppliers) supported 1,130,977 direct, indirect, or expenditure-induced jobs in the State of Michigan. With the wealth of manufacturing infrastructure, highly educated engineering talent, and highly skilled workforce in the State, Michigan companies are uniquely positioned to lead the way in the transition to production of advanced technology vehicles and in development of advanced manufacturing technologies. These companies also have a strong track record of offering vehicles and components at prices that average Americans can afford. As a result, the fuel economy improvement achieved by these technologies will be incorporated into vehicles of all sizes and will have a significant environmental impact.

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Maintaining and building America's manufacturing base is at the heart of the ATVM program. For America's auto industry to continue its global leadership into the 21st century, we must foster the American manufacture of fuel-efficient vehicles for the mass market. With these considerations in mind, we urge you to proceed expeditiously to complete action on the loan applications submitted by Michigan companies to the Department of Energy.
We look forward to your response with an update on the status of the program, including an assessment of whether additional resources are required or changes are needed to ensure the program addresses the purposes for which it was originally conceived.

Sincerely

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July 6, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I write in support of Taylor BioMass's application for funding through a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy. This funding will be used for the construction of a new commercial-scale biomass gasification plant.

Taylor BioMass, which currently has recycling operations at its site in Montgomery, New York, has piloted the innovative biomass technology and garnered about $27 million in private investment. They hope to play a part in the construction of a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future for New York.

The funding will be used to fulfill investment needs for the construction of Taylor BioMass' gasification power plant in the Hudson Valley. The completed facility is projected to create 24 MW of new renewable electricity generation capacity while diverting more than 140,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually. In turn, this will reduce greenhouse emissions relating to the long-distance transportation and disposal of these wastes at landfills. Construction of the facility would create at least 300 construction jobs while also retaining 30 current jobs and adding 85 full-time new employees at the site. It is vital that we invest in innovative energy solutions like this to decrease out dependence on foreign oil and ensure a stable energy future for the United States.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Abe Hiatt at (202) 224-6500.

Sincerely,

Kirsten E. Gillibrand

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to urge you to visit Taylor Biomass in Orange County, New York and to quickly approve its application for Department of Energy (DoE) loan guarantees. Currently, the company has amassed $20 million in private investment and is seeking $80 million in loan guarantees through a DoE program designed for clean energy businesses. With the loan guarantees from the DoE, Taylor Biomass has the potential to create jobs and boost the economy in an area of New York where it is sorely needed.

This project will put people to work and contribute towards an America that isn't reliant on foreign oil, so an investment on the part of the Department of Energy makes eminent sense. Creating good-paying jobs should be our top priority and investing in companies like Taylor Biomass will do just that.

Taylor Biomass Energy is part of Taylor Recycling, a waste recovery company headquartered in Montgomery, New York. TBE houses one of the most innovative construction and demolition recycling operations in the world. Over 95% of the waste received at this facility is converted into valuable and reusable end-products. Taylor pioneered a process called gasification to convert solid waste into a renewable energy source. By visiting the facility, you will be able to see first had the innovative work being done at Taylor Biomass. Approving this application for a loan guarantee would give Taylor Biomass the leverage they need to seek out additional private investment and begin the process of creating jobs and driving growth more quickly.

If we're going to remain the world's largest economy then we must invest in the jobs of the future - Taylor Biomass is a prime example of the type of business we should be working with. I thank you for your attention to this request and look forward to working with you to ensure companies like Taylor Biomass are able to thrive and grow.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer

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July 06, 2010

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of the Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Re: Status of Section 1703 loan guarantee funding for Kahuku Wind Power's First Wind Project

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to request that I be kept apprised of the status of Kahuku Wind Power's funding under the Department of Energy Section 1703 innovative loan guarantee program. Current project plans call for a ground-breaking ceremony that is scheduled for July 13, in anticipation of closing the loan and funding prior to July 12.

The utility scale battery systems that will be incorporated into the project will be produced by Xtreme Power Solutions. Xtreme Power Solutions is a widely-acclaimed technology start-up located just south of Austin, Texas. Their participation and the support of the DOE is a strong example of how a public-private partnership, such as the loan guarantee program, will drive innovation, create jobs for the clean energy economy, and launch a new generation of American manufacturing leadership.

The Department of Energy Credit Committee submitted the final credit package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 3 and now is answering what appear to be clarifying questions from OMB staff. Any delay in closing and funding will jeopardize the ability of the Kahuku project to achieve commercial operation by March 31, 2011, when the project would be subject to liquidated damages. Further, the DOE loan itself has defaults and prepayment triggers if Kahuku does not achieve certain construction milestone dates. Delays today will build on themselves as construction will run into the rain/mud season on Oahu later in the fall.

Equipment has already begun to arrive in Oahu. This project is ready to commence construction and put people to work once the loan is funded. I look forward to hearing of the progress of the loan guarantee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett

Lloyd Doggett

CC: Nancy Sutley, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality
Carol M. Browner, Director, White House Office of Energy and Executive Office of the President Climate Change Policy

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 12, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585

Re: Loan Guarantee Application of Champlain Hudson Power Express
DOE Solicitation No. DE-FOA 0000132

Dear Secretary Chu:

For many decades – going back to the long saga of the abandoned Shoreham Nuclear Plant and the demise of LILCO - Long Island has struggled with high electric rates. In fact, we have some of the highest electric rates in the nation. It is clear that demand will continue to grow for the foreseeable future and demand may soon outpace supply.

As a Member of Congress from Long Island, I would welcome any environmentally responsible project that could provide additional capacity and bring relief to our residential and commercial ratepayers.

The Champlain Hudson Power Express is a high voltage direct current power transmission project that will bring 1,000 megawatts of renewable energy to the downstate region. Recent economic studies show that the project could provide significant rate relief to the New York City area and Long Island.

This 350-mile long transmission line will be built completely underwater and underground so it will not create visual impacts or controversial condemnation issues that are often associated with overhead transmission lines. The residents in my district want to have access to clean wind and hydro power. This project will provide that access while at the same time create downward pressure on rates and increase competition and stability in the wholesale market.

In addition to the clean energy benefits and rate relief that this project could provide, this project will also create much need jobs in New York State. Not only will the project create short-term construction jobs in the state, but also provide stable long-term employment opportunities as well.

Provided that the application meets all program requirements and can demonstrate the ability to comply with all federal and state regulatory and environmental requirements, I urge you to include the Champlain Hudson Power Express as one of the participants in the DOE loan guarantee program for transmission projects.

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I would appreciate it if you could keep my office informed of the status of your review in advance of any formal determination on this application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Grogan in my office at michael.grogan@mail.house.gov or 202.225.5516.

Sincerely,

Carolyn McCarthy
Member of Congress

cc. Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 12, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

We are writing in support of CODA's application for a loan from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program. The loan would support the construction of a lithium-ion cell and battery pack manufacturing facility in the Columbus, Ohio region operated by Lio Energy Systems, CODA's U.S. battery affiliate.

With the national unemployment rate average hovering around 10% innovative projects such as CODA's, which will create 2,000 direct jobs and thousands of other positions indirectly, are a critical component of America's economic recovery. The global electric vehicle transformation is already underway globally. America has a tremendous opportunity to generate income, capacity, jobs and economic growth associated with these markets by supporting projects like CODA's.

Furthermore, recent unemployment figures clearly demonstrate that economic recovery not reached Ohio and the greater Midwest. Today, Ohio unemployment figures remain over ten percent, with the manufacturing sector particularly hard-hit. Given Ohio's world-class manufacturing infrastructure and central location, we believe that our state could serve as the heart of America's new electrification ecosystem.

CODA has already demonstrated that its manufacturing process is sound, and the company's automotive business has the capacity to produce more than 10,000 all-electric vehicles by the end of 2011. These vehicles would be the first and primary recipients of the battery systems it hopes to produce..

We urge you to keep these points in mind as you thoughtfully review CODA's application and hope company's application receives all due consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Kilroy
Representative to Congress

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July 14, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of Molycorp, Inc. Molycorp is working to secure funding through the Department of Energy's Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program.

The objective of this proposal is to rebuild America's capability to manufacture the critical metals and permanent magnets that derive from rare earths. These rare earth resources are an indispensible part of numerous key clean energy technologies, including next generation wind turbines, advanced batteries, electric drive vehicles, compact fluorescent lighting, and electronic equipment.

We understand that this project seeks to provide the foundation for a complete domestic supply chain for these metals and magnets, which could create hundreds of new jobs, improve the nation's competitive position in the emerging clean energy sector, and provide a domestic solution to the looming rare earth supply shortage.

Because the creation of jobs and the advancement of technologies are both important to Colorado and the nation, we ask that you give Molycorp's application every appropriate consideration consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall

Michael F. Bennet

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July 15, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of the loan application submitted by Coda Automotive U.S. for funding in the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program. Company officials indicate the loan would support the construction of a lithium-ion and battery pack manufacturing facility in the Columbus, Ohio region operated by Lio Energy Systems, Coda's U.S. battery affiliate.

The sitting of a battery pack manufacturing facility in Columbus will help to combat the ongoing economic development challenges facing the region. As you may know, recent unemployment figures show that economic recovery has not reached the Midwest, including Ohio. This is due in large part to the substantial loss of automotive manufacturing jobs that have been seen over the last few years. Support from the ATVM program will help enable Coda to build a manufacturing facility with the capacity to produce more than 10,000 all-electric vehicles by the end of 2011. Coda tells me that this work could create 2,000 direct jobs and many other positions indirectly.

Projects such as the one proposed by Coda, could help keep our nation competitive in the global marketplace, thus increasing opportunities for economic development and job creation.

I respectfully urge you to give all due consideration Coda's application. Should your staff have any questions, please have them contact Steve Kittredge at (202) 224-3353.

Thank you for your continued hard work.

Sincerely,

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July 16, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my concern about the ability of the U.S. to access sufficient quantities of rare earth elements in the coming years. As you well know, these elements are needed to manufacture a wide range of defense, clean energy, health care, transportation, communications, high-tech, and other technologies.

Unfortunately, the U.S. is currently dependent upon foreign nations, namely China, for much of its rare earths needs. The growing demand for these materials coupled with recently announced reductions in Chinese exports lends an increased sense of urgency to U.S. efforts to become more independent in the production of rare earths and rare earth-related materials. One such effort is being undertaken at the edge of my congressional district in Mountain Pass, California, home to one of the largest deposits of rare earths elements in the U.S.

I would urge you and the Department to give all due consideration to Molycorp's application for Title XVII Loan Guarantees to help accelerate the re-establishment of a U.S. rare earth material and permanent magnet manufacturing supply chain at Mountain Pass.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Howard P. "Buck" McKeon
Member of Congress

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July 16, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We write to offer our support for the loan guarantee application submitted to DOE on June 23rd by International Isotopes Inc for its proposed uranium de-conversion and fluorine extraction facility.

International Isotopes Inc. (INIS), which is headquartered in Idaho Falls, ID, plans to construct an innovative facility that will remove the fluorine from depleted uranium generated by the enrichment process, and convert it to valuable industrial gases used in the semiconductor and solar panel manufacturing industries.

The INIS fluorine extraction process is highly energy efficient in comparison to current production techniques. It would also help reduce our reliance on fluorspar imports from China, and create over 300 full-time-equivalent jobs in both its Idaho headquarters and the facility's location in Hobbs, New Mexico.

We would also note the relevance of the INIS facility to Areva's Eagle Rock uranium enrichment plant. As you know, Eagle Rock was recently awarded a conditional loan guarantee by DOE. The facility will generate significant quantities of depleted uranium which will require de-conversion before ultimate disposal, and thus would benefit greatly from access to INIS services.

Clearly, the INIS facility presents a unique opportunity to both achieve significant energy efficiencies and fill a critical gap in the front end of the nuclear fuel cycle. Thus, we believe it is an excellent candidate for a DOE loan guarantee

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Crapo
United States Senator

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United States Senator

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July 16, 2010

Secretary Steven Chu
Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As you are aware, the U.S. is dependent upon China for more than 97 percent of our rare earth supply, including 100 percent of rare earth metals and 80 percent of rare earth magnets needed for critical clean energy technologies, including electric vehicles, wind turbines, and compact florescent light bulbs. China's economic growth has resulted in greater consumption of its own rare earth resources, which has resulted in fewer exports. According to projections, the U.S. and the rest of the world could face rare earth shortages as early as 2011.

Such a supply crisis could jeopardize our ability to deploy key clean energy technologies and reach our broader energy policy objectives. It also raises serious national security concerns. In fact, a recent report by the Government Accountability Office found that rare earths are responsible for the "functionality" of equipment in many defense technologies, and it concluded that it is "difficult to replace [rare earths] without losing performance."

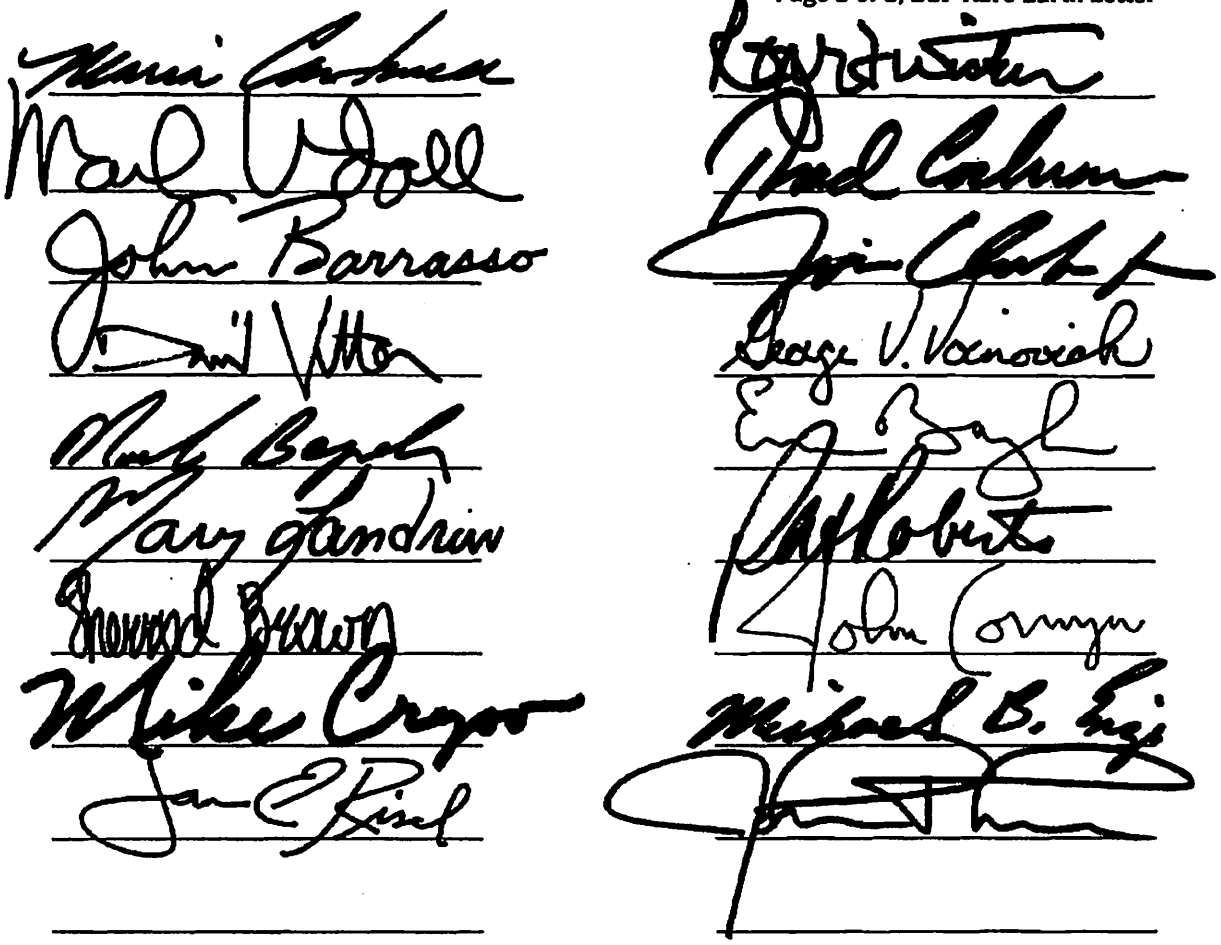
We were pleased to see the Department's recently announced intent to develop a rare earths strategic plan that will focus on increasing supply, encouraging recycling, and investigating substitution strategies. However, we believe that more immediate action may be necessary to avert near-term rare earth shortages.

As such, we urge you and your agency to expeditiously consider any application under the Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) that would help to rebuild the domestic rare earth supply chain and manufacturing sector. This supply chain should include several downstream steps, including: creation of high purity rare earth oxides; production of rare earth metals; fabrication of rare earth alloys; and the manufacture of permanent magnets, advanced batteries, and other rare earth components of clean energy technologies.

These early stages of the supply chain have obvious strategic value, and rebuilding them here in the U.S. will provide a catalyst for domestic manufacturing job growth. Rare earths play an important role in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, because a long list of key renewable energy and clean energy technologies rely on them. It makes good sense that the United States would seek to establish a domestic manufacturing base for these important resources.

We applaud your commitment to developing a long-term strategy to ensure an adequate supply of rare earths, and we look forward to reviewing the Department's plan. In the interim, we urge you to consider utilizing the LGP to accelerate the redevelopment of these critical manufacturing capabilities and to make certain that our nation's economic, energy, and national security are not jeopardized by a rare earth supply shortage.

Sincerely,



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July 19, 2010

Ms. Elizabeth Nolan
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
United States Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Ms. Nolan:

My office has been contacted by [redacted] regarding the South Texas Porject. I am enclosing a copy of the correspondence I have received.

Could you please review [redacted] correspondence and provide a status regarding his concerns.

If you have any questions please contact my office or have the appropriate staff person contact Kevin Stanton at (717) 231-7540.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Casey, Jr.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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July 19, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director
Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

It is my understanding that the Seaview Refinery Group (Seaview) of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, has applied for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this worthy proposal.

I am informed that Seaview is seeking funding from the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program to build a re-refinery plant in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. I have been advised that this new plant will re-refine used motor oil into a new, useable lubricant. I have been further advised that the plant will help reduce carbon emissions by using natural gas as a fuel source. According to Seaview, this project will not only be environmentally friendly, but will also create over 40 permanent jobs and more than 1,000 construction jobs in the region.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (215) 405-9660.

Sincerely,

Bob Casey, Jr.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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STENY H. HOYER
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Congress of the United States
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July 22, 2010

The Honorable Daniel B. Poneman
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
7B-252, Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Deputy Secretary Poneman:

I write to request that you convene the Credit Review Board (CRB) to consider the Title XVII loan guarantee application for a new third nuclear reactor at Calvert Cliffs (CC3) in my district.

When we last spoke on June 30, 2010 you indicated your staff, and that of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), were working "flat out" in interagency consultations with respect to the CC3 application, and I deeply appreciate that effort. As you know, the credit committee approved the CC3 application for advancement more than five weeks ago. My constituent, Constellation Energy, the U.S. parent of the UniStar energy venture, and their partner, Electricite de France (EDF) continue to raise concerns with me that, despite that approval and Jonathan Silver's letter to them of June 17, 2010, the next steps in the process toward a conditional commitment remain unclear. They further state that though they remain willing to discuss issues and provide additional information to the Administration which may be of assistance in better understanding the project, they have not received any such requests.

Of greater concern to me, however, are the job cuts UniStar is implementing in light of the uncertain timing for CRB's review of the project. Over the next few weeks, the project will cut 340 jobs in Maryland and Virginia. The project will continue to scale back absent a better understanding of when a decision will be made on their application.

It is my view that the Administration should seek to procedurally consider the CC3 project in a time frame similar to the Vogtle plant in Georgia if at all possible. While I appreciate that several issues differ between the CC3 project and the Vogtle project for which the Department of Energy has already issued a loan guarantee, notably the merchant nature of the CC3 project and the need for its reactor design to be certified by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), it would seem that resolution of such issues could be required by DOE as conditions in a conditional commitment.

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Enclosed is a letter I recently received from Mike Wallace, Chairman of UniStar and Vice Chairman of Constellation Energy, outlining these concerns in greater detail, and I request that this letter be made part of the record with respect to the consideration of the CC3 project. You will note that Wallace includes letters to the Administration from the French Finance Minister Christine Legarde. Those letters were previously released to me by EDF on June 23, 2010.

Finally, as we have discussed, it is my view that the conditional commitment should only be awarded to the CC3 project if it is determined by the CRB to be credit worthy and meritorious. However, it would be extremely unfortunate to lose jobs associated with an otherwise meritorious project solely due to scheduling delays and a confusing loan guarantee process.

I appreciate your assistance in bringing this matter to a resolution and providing additional certainty to my constituent about when they might receive a decision on their application. With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

STENY H. HOYER

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MARY L. LANDRIEU
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July 23, 2010

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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RE: Landrieu Project No. 996010
Always refer to the Landrieu Project No. when communicating with this office.

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing again on behalf of Louisiana Green Fuels Group (LGFG) located in Lacassine, Louisiana which has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Loan Guarantee Program.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you of my support for LGFC's effort to establish a fully integrated advanced biofuels refinery, contributing to the nation's goals of cutting greenhouse gas emissions and reducing our dependency on foreign oil. I have been told that the construction of the 22.5 million gallon per year biofuels facility alongside LGFG's existing Lacassine sugarcane mill could provide 1,109 jobs in the state.

Additionally, it is my understanding that this project submitted its Part II application on December 3, 2009 and has been contacted with follow-up questions by DOE and its external reviewers for a financial and technical review. I believe you will find the application to be exemplary in every way, and I would appreciate every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review.

In closing, I ask for any information that you may now provide on this matter and look forward to hearing from you about the final decision.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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LOE-2010-012570

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

July 26, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our support for the application recently filed by International Isotopes Inc. in response to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee program Solicitation DE-FOA-0000140.

International Isotope Inc. plans to construct an innovative facility in Hobbs, NM that "de-converts" depleted uranium hexafluoride leftover from the nuclear fuel enrichment process into a form suitable for disposal, while also producing high quality fluorine gases needed for the US manufacture of solar panels, electronics, and semi-conductors.

The International Isotopes facility will be highly energy efficient compared to current methods, as it will recycle fluorine from an existing source, rather than extracting it from fluorspar which is a very energy intensive process.

In addition, the facility would lower U.S. reliance on imported fluorspar, much of which comes from China, and create over 125 well paying permanent jobs, and roughly 200 construction jobs.

The International Isotopes facility would also provide the US nuclear fuel cycle with additional uranium de-conversion capacity. As you are aware, Urenco USA (UUSA) in Eunice, NM recently commenced operations and will produce depleted uranium hexafluoride. The International Isotopes facility will recycle the fluorine gas and allow for the remaining material to be converted into oxide form to be shipped out of state to long-term storage locations – a necessary step to meeting UUSA's obligations to the State of New Mexico.

In short, we believe this project has a strong case for a DOE loan guarantee based on energy efficiency and job creation, but we also urge you to consider the larger public policy benefits it would have in recycling material from uranium fuel enrichment helping facilitate our clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bingaman
U.S. Senator

Tom Udall
U.S. Senator

Harry Teague
Member of Congress

Exec- 2010-012813

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 29, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We write today in strong support of the United States Steel Corporation project at their Gary Works facility Gary, Indiana, and their request submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This project involves the construction of a carbon alloy synthesis facility that would produce Cokonyx, which is a carbon alloy material that uses revolutionary technology that will significantly reduce carbon emissions and energy use. The project represents a significant development in the steel manufacturing process, and will provide numerous construction and manufacturing jobs in sectors that are still recovering in the economic downturn. Since 1990, the American steel industry has reduced the amount of energy that they use to produce a ton of steel by 33 percent, and this project will allow this trend to continue well into the future.

Investments such as this one are essential to revitalizing our economy, ensuring the stability of our manufacturing base, and establishing America as a leader in the manufacturing and production of clean energy.

We greatly appreciate your serious consideration of this request, and if you are in need of any additional information please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

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August 3, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing in full support of BlueFire Ethanol Inc.'s application for a loan guarantee from the Department of Energy for the Fulton Biorefinery Project in Fulton, Mississippi.

The Fulton Project will be the first commercial-scale refinery utilizing the patented acid hydrolysis process exclusively licensed to BlueFire by Arkenol. This technology will convert locally available cellulosic materials, primarily wood and wood residues, to approximately 19 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol. This process represents a dramatic step forward towards the production of domestic clean fuels using readily available non-food cellulosic materials.

This project is extremely important to the State of Mississippi and the citizens of Itawamba County. The Fulton Project would bring hundreds of desperately needed green jobs to Itawamba County and allow the area to become a clean energy hub. In the wake of the tragic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico which has dealt a huge blow to the people in my state, the Fulton Project would be a key step to increasing our energy independence and recovering some of the jobs lost over the past few months.

I applaud and support your commitment and that of the Administration to a new era of clean energy innovation with greater reliance on domestic production and less devotion to foreign sources. Approving a loan guarantee for the Fulton cellulosic biorefinery furthers these important priorities and I respectfully request that you and your staff give the Fulton Project full and fair consideration.

I appreciate your attention to this important request and I look forward to working with you to make this loan guarantee a reality in the near future.

Sincerely,

Travis W. Childers

Travis W. Childers
Member of Congress

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HENRY A. WAXMAN
30TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

August 6, 2010

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Dr. Chu:

I am writing on behalf of CODA, which designs, manufactures, and sells electric vehicles and lithium-ion battery systems. CODA is headquartered in California's 30th Congressional District, which I represent.

CODA has applied for a loan from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program to support its plan to build a lithium-ion cell and battery pack manufacturing facility in Columbus, Ohio. The proposed facility will be operated by Lio Energy Systems, which is a joint venture between CODA and Lishen Power Battery. I have enclosed additional information about the project for your review and request that you give this application full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Henry A Waxman

HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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EXEC-2010-013519

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 10, 2010

Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

As you are well aware, the changes to NASA's manned space mission will result in significant job losses within Florida's 15th District. At a time when the economy is suffering and many jobs have been moved overseas, we are writing in support of an American company, Avera Motors, Inc. and asking that you give consideration to their application under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program.

We respectfully request that your staff consider the merits of the application in the context of your goals for the ATVM program and what the production of high mileage diesel hybrid vehicles can mean for the State of Florida and the nation. A loan awarded under authority of the ATVM program would greatly enhance Avera's ability to scale to the production level they have outlined in their application.

Avera Motors plans to establish its engineering, design, and manufacturing complex in Brevard County, specifically in Cape Canaveral. The Space Coast is fortunate in that it has one of the highest concentrations of engineers and skilled workers in the nation. The growth of Avera Motors on the Space Coast has the potential to mitigate some of the job losses associated with the transitions in our nation's space program.

Today, the State of Florida and the nation face unprecedented energy challenges. Any significant disruption of energy supplies would result in rapidly increasing energy prices that threaten economic and national security. We strongly believe that the production of high-mileage, advanced technology vehicles can lower our dependence on imported oil and lower carbon emissions.

Clearly, large numbers workers in our State are going to be affected by changes in the NASA mission and citizens across the nation are looking to jobs of the future. Fully utilizing the authority granted under programs like ATVM provides an opportunity to meet our nation's future energy needs with a broader range of high-mileage vehicle choices. We ask that you fully evaluate the application from Avera Motors as one option to meet these urgent needs.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Bill Posey
Member of Congress

Bill Nelson
U.S. Senate

Suzanne Kosmas
Member of Congress

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August 12, 2010

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy (DoE)
1000 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express our continued support for FuelCell Energy, Inc.'s applications for loan guarantees under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We were pleased to learn that three of the eight applications that FuelCell Energy submitted in response to DoE's Loan Guarantee Solicitation for Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies were selected for further consideration. Representing a combined $140 million worth of investment, these important projects will help expand the commercial footprint of ultra-efficient stationary fuel cells. As you know, stationary fuel cells provide 24-hour-a-day baseload generation with virtually no emissions, all as on-site distributed power that eases strains on a congested transmission grid.

Having undergone a rigorous competitive vetting process at the state level, these projects represent some of the best existing opportunities to create jobs, cut pollution, save energy costs, and finance a new generation of ultra-clean energy generation. Connecticut is the nation's leader in the design and manufacture of innovative stationary fuel cells, and the loan guarantees in question will help this nascent industry develop and grow.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jesse Young in Mr. Murphy's office at (202) 225-4476. We thank you for your service, and for your continued consideration of the FuelCell Energy, Inc. applications.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER J. DODD
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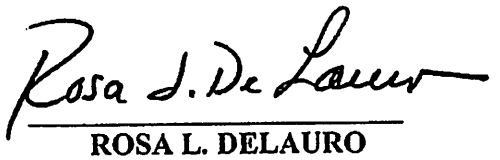

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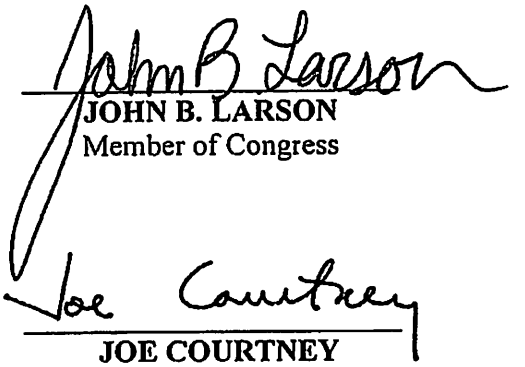

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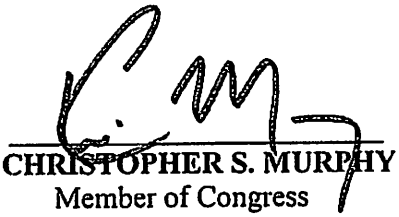

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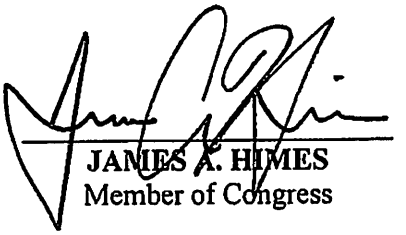

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August 16, 2010

The Honorable Stephen Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of strong support on behalf the W Solar Group loan guarantee application for the Department of Energy: Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies solicitation that closes August 24, 2010. It is my sincere hope that you consider and look favorably upon this funding request.

As the U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District, and as a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Natural Resources, I have a keen interest in supporting innovative alternative energy initiatives in Wisconsin. If funded, the W Solar Group project would significantly advance the state-of-the-art in thin film solar manufacturing and improve American competitiveness in solar manufacturing while helping with the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and creating nearly 600 direct new jobs in the state of Wisconsin.

I believe W Solar would continue to improve upon the technology manufactured at the facility while further creating new high paying energy-related jobs. Companies like W Solar Group are leading the way for a New Energy Economy that can help drive the growth of an entirely new industry in the United States. I am happy to lend this funding request my strong support. Given its merit and potential benefits, I sincerely believe this project deserves your support as well.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance in support of this application.

Sincerely,

Ron Kind

Ron Kind
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August 18, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in regard to the application submitted by W Solar, Inc. for funding under the DOE Loan Guarantee Program (DE-FOA-0000140).

W Solar, Inc. is requesting a loan guarantee to accelerate the commercialization of its advanced thin film solar modules and of the streamlined manufacturing process used to produce them. According to the application, the manufacturing process significantly reduces the cost of such solar modules and of the environmental footprint of the fabrication facility. The guaranteed debt and private sector equity will be used to develop the W Solar Advanced High-Efficiency Manufacturing Project, which will include a solar fabrication facility, Solar Fab. W Solar has control of a site in Eau Claire, Wisconsin that meets the company's needs for this project. The application states the company will retrofit a facility and have five production lines with a gross annual capacity exceeding 500 megawatts in operation by 2015.

According to the application, the project will create 598 jobs at Solar Fab, in addition to an estimated 200 construction-related jobs. Further, W Solar will stimulate the U.S. economy throughout the supply chain, creating hundreds of additional jobs associated with glass supply, packaging, transportation, other materials supply, junction box supply, maintenance providers, site security, and cleaning services.

The application indicates that this project will directly benefit the U.S. and the domestic manufacturing industry by increasing cost competitive renewable generation capacity, and will bring much needed green, high technology jobs to Wisconsin. I urge you to give W Solar's application full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator

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August 20, 2010

The Honorable Stephen Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to express my support for W Solar Group's loan guarantee application for the Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies solicitation.

If successful, this application will assist W Solar Group in building a manufacturing facility that will produce thin film CIGS solar panels. It is my understanding that this particular type of panel will leave a small carbon footprint, is highly efficient and low-cost, and has high durability.

The manufacturing facility itself would provide nearly 600 new high-paying jobs to people in Wisconsin while also causing the creation of many other indirect, related jobs. W Solar also projects that the panels will cost 77% less than existing competitors' panels, strengthening U.S. competitiveness and allowing for a U.S.-made product to be exported to other nations. In fact, the company is already negotiating contracts with customers in Europe and the Middle East.

I urge full and fair consideration of the application based on the merits. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Dave Obey
Member of Congress

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ANDRÉ CARSON
7TH DISTRICT, INDIANA

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August 23, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Secretary Chu:

As Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, we are writing with respect to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Section 136 Advanced Vehicle Technology Manufacturing loan program. This program, which provides loans to automobile and automobile part manufacturers for producing fuel-efficient advanced technology vehicles or qualified components, can be a useful tool in upgrading the vehicles available to the hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officials across the country.

The vehicles that law enforcement agencies use today -- the largest, most visible government fleet of vehicles -- are retail passenger cars that were never designed for heavy-duty law enforcement usage. Needed law enforcement equipment (such as lights, sirens, radios, cameras, etc.) is retrofitted to a retail passenger vehicle in a costly and haphazard manner. Under this current system, law enforcement agencies have no economies of scale in purchasing vehicles, equipment or maintenance services. In addition to purchasing its own fleet of vehicles from a local car dealer, each law enforcement agency is responsible for purchasing and installing the emergency equipment from a multitude of vendors located all over the country.

There are significant safety issues with retrofitted vehicles as well. As you may know, the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires crash testing of all vehicles sold in the United States. Unfortunately, there is no such requirement for additional testing once a vehicle has been retrofitted with aftermarket law enforcement related equipment. These adaptations are completed at the agency's own risk and many officers have been injured or killed because of this unfortunate practice. Section 136 projects that focus on the needs of law enforcement officials can consider these factors directly and develop vehicles that are designed solely for this purpose.

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As the Department continues to evaluate applications in response to this program, we urge you to consider and prioritize the needs of law enforcement first responders and projects that can assist them in protecting the lives of our citizens and better securing our homeland.

We thank you for your gracious, timely, and direct attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

André Carson
Member of Congress

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August 24, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that ALTe, LLC in Bloomfield, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program Loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

ALTe, LLC is an automotive supplier and manufacturer of automobile components and software to create Series Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle powertrains. The company's initial efforts are focused on advancing fuel efficiency and lowering emissions by converting used fleet vehicles to hybrid electric models. This loan will enable them to support their engineering and manufacturing activities.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies, like ALTe, LLC, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know ATLe, LLC is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am pleased to write in support of the Exergonix, Inc. application under the Department's Loan Guarantee program (DE-FOA-0000140) for funding to build a battery storage system manufacturing facility in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Exergonix plans to manufacture battery electric storage systems with capacity from 25KwH to 1MwH at the plant. These systems will fill a range of important applications – helping utilities to address load and peak power issues; allowing utilities to store energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar; providing clean consistent power for server farms, data centers and hospitals; and allowing military bases to ensure energy independence and security. Using their patented nano-battery technology, Exergonix is able to produce a battery that provides optimum power, better safety and significantly longer cell life – a huge improvement over other technologies available today.

This project will help utilities to reduce reliance on carbon-generating power sources, it will allow increased use of renewable energy sources and will help to make the Nation's energy grid more reliable. It will also create nearly 400 direct, high-paying manufacturing jobs, as well as thousands of indirect jobs including jobs for the electricians who will install these systems around the country. I strongly support this proposal and hope it will receive favorable consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Warmest Regards,

Emanuel Cleaver, II
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to request your support of CODA's application for a loan from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program. CODA is headquartered in California and has offered plans to create high quality jobs in the clean energy sector.

In the past year, CODA has experienced tremendous growth at its headquarters and is poised to rapidly expand operations throughout the state. CODA is now working to establish a manufacturing facility in Ohio, which will create jobs on site and allow the company's rapid growth in California to continue through the construction of sales centers and other facilities that support its electric vehicle program. Federal funding will assist these efforts, benefiting the economy in California and other regions.

Unfortunately, California continues to experience serious economic challenges, and initiatives such as the one proposed by CODA can help create jobs. Furthermore, CODA's plans will help advance the widespread use and deployment of electric vehicles, benefitting U.S. energy and environmental policy objectives.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. I hope you will quickly and thoroughly review CODA's application, and I look forward to working with you to advance a forward-thinking energy policy.

Sincerely,

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress

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September 8, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Mr. Secretary:

I write in support of electric vehicle company CODA's application for a loan from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program. Based in Southern California, the company is poised to create local jobs and to help the state meet its greenhouse gas and pollution reduction goals.

The grant would assist company in establishing a domestic manufacturing facility for lithium ion batteries, which could help spur our nation's economic recovery and better position the United States to be a world green technology leader.

I urge you to give CODA's application your thoughtful consideration.

Regards,

Jane Harman

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September 8, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu,

We are writing to respectfully request that the Department of Energy reopen and reconsider Flambeau River BioFuels' application for a Loan Guarantee (Solicitation No. DOE-FOA-0000140).

We are aware that the Department notified the company in a July 26, 2010 letter of its decision not to move forward with the company's application. However, it is our understanding that many of the issues stated as reasons for this rejection have been or are in the process of being addressed, while other issues will remain unsolved unless the Department reopens the application.

For example, the Department has a reasonable concern about the company's lack of non-federal funding for a proposed equity contribution. The company indicated to us that it was working with an investment bank to secure additional funding, but that the Department's rejection letter has made such an effort impossible.

To be clear, we know that simply reopening the application is not a guarantee that the company will be successful. However, we feel that the company has acted in good faith with the Department and deserves a chance to answer these questions before a final decision is made. Furthermore, we believe that they should be able to continue this process without having to take the considerable time and expense required to resubmit a new application for the same project.

We believe – as we know that you do – that companies like Flambeau River BioFuels have an enormous potential to create good-paying American jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and reduce pollution. Having the Department as a partner in this effort is critical to the success of these companies.

We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Herb Kohl
US Senator

Russell D. Feingold
US Senator

David R. Obey
US Representative

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September 9, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of Exergonix, Inc.'s recent application under the Department's Loan Guarantee program (DE-FOA-0000140) for funding to build a battery storage system manufacturing facility in Lee's Summit, Missouri. I strongly support this application and urge the Department's favorable consideration of this application.

Exergonix plans to manufacture battery electric storage systems with capacity from 25KwH to 1MwH at the plant. These systems will fill a range of important applications – helping utilities to address load and peak power issues; allowing utilities to store energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar; providing clean consistent power for server farms, data centers and hospitals; and allowing military bases to ensure energy independence and security. Using their patented nano-battery technology, Exergonix is able to produce a battery that provides optimum power, better safety and significantly longer cell life – a huge improvement over other technologies available today.

This project will help utilities to reduce reliance on carbon-generating power sources, it will allow increased use of renewable energy sources and will help to make the Nation's energy grid more reliable. It will also create nearly 400 direct, high-paying manufacturing jobs, as well as thousands of indirect jobs including jobs for the electricians who will install these systems around the country.

Again, I fully support Exergonix's application and thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Russ Carnahan
Member of Congress

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September 9, 2010

Secretary Stephen Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing in support of Exergonix, Inc. application for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee program (DE-FOA-0000140) for funding to build a battery storage system manufacturing facility in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Exergonix plans to manufacture battery electric storage systems to fill a range of important applications - helping utilities to address load and peak power issues; allowing utilities to store energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar; providing clean consistent power for server farms, data centers and hospitals; and allowing military bases to ensure energy independence and security. Using their patented nano-battery technology, Exergonix is able to produce a battery that provides optimum power, better safety and significantly longer cell life - a huge improvement over other technologies available today.

This project will help utilities to reduce reliance on carbon-generating power sources, it will allow increased use of renewable energy sources and will help to make the Nation's energy grid more reliable. It will also create nearly 400 direct, high-paying manufacturing jobs, as well as thousands of indirect jobs including jobs for the electricians who will install these systems around the country.

I hope you will extend every consideration to this application. Please keep me informed on the progress of their request.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 13, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

We understand that KiOR has submitted an application for a loan guarantee from the Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies program through the Department of Energy. As you review proposals for this program, we trust you will give the application full consideration.

KiOR has plans to build a biorefinery to produce 30 million gallons of renewable crude oil per year while employing 400 Mississippians. We believe that this project will generate significant economic prosperity and opportunity for Mississippi and its citizens, while decreasing dependence on foreign oil and supporting Mississippi's long-term economic growth through reliable and affordable energy. A Department of Energy loan guarantee would assist moving this project forward.

As we transition to a greener economy, we think this project can play an important role. Thank you for your consideration of utilizing Mississippi and its resources for the development of new energy technologies and biorefineries.

Sincerely,

Thad Cochran
U.S. Senator

Roger F. Wicker
U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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September 15, 2010

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing on behalf of Santa Monica-based CODA Automotive's application for a loan from the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program.

Entrepreneurial organizations like CODA are creating jobs that are vital to California's clean energy economy. I have been informed that CODA will establish a manufacturing facility in Central Ohio allowing for its rapid growth in California to continue. Through this expansion, the company will build sales centers and other operations that support its electric vehicle program.

With the national unemployment rate hovering around 10%, these projects are a critical component of America's economic recovery. CODA's plans to use this loan to transfer its factory from China to the United States will create much needed jobs. Also, its battery systems will power electric vehicles which will lessen our dependence on foreign oil.

I urge you to consider these points and request that CODA's application is thoughtfully reviewed.

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September 16, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Ph.D.
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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The Honorable Timothy Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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The Honorable Jacob Lew
Director Designate, Office of Management of Budget
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
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Dear Secretary Chu, Secretary Geithner, and Director Designate Lew:

I am writing to you today to stress the urgency of expeditiously reviewing loan guarantee applications for renewable energy projects, particularly those utilizing solar technology. California contains some of the best solar energy resources in the world, and the majority of solar energy projects in advanced stages of development, including the majority of solar projects on the U.S. Department of Interior's (DOI) "fast track" list, are situated in within its borders.

For instance, Solar Millennium LLC, the project development arm of Solar Trust of America, is planning two utility-scale solar projects in my congressional district, one in Blythe and the other near Palen Dry Lake. The Blythe Project will be 1,000 megawatts (MWs), the largest solar power plant in the world. The Palen Project will be 500 MWs. Both projects will create thousands of skilled jobs during the construction period, and hundreds of jobs to operate and maintain the plants throughout their lifetime. The company is planning on commencing construction on the Blythe project before the end of the year.

Congress enacted the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program to help deploy clean energy technologies across the United States, but unfortunately the program has yet to spur the rapid deployment of these technologies. It has taken years for some projects to advance through the process.

Fortunately, the pace of conditional awards has increased over the past several months. Still, of the estimated $72 billion in loan authority for the section 1703 and 1705 loan guarantee programs, only about 20 percent has been conditionally awarded. And roughly one percent of the total has been finalized. It is essential that the Department of Energy, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of the Treasury implement procedures that facilitate the quick review and disbursement of loan guarantees, just as the DOI has "fast-tracked" the permitting review of certain renewable projects to ensure they can meet Recovery Act deadlines.

Many of the renewable energy projects currently in development have applied for loan guarantees from the DOE under the section 1703 and 1705 programs. It is crucial that these companies receive a decision from the DOE soon, in order to close financing and meet Power Purchase Agreement deadlines.

Solar energy projects are essential to helping California meet its target of 33 percent renewable energy by 2020. Renewable energy projects will also provide high paying jobs, stimulate domestic manufacturing, and reduce national carbon emissions. I encourage the federal agencies involved to reevaluate and streamline their processes for reviewing applications and granting awards, so that our state and nation can fully realize the economic, technological, and environmental benefits of renewable energy.

Sincerely,

Mary Bono Mack

MARY BONO MACK
Member of Congress

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September 16, 2010

Mr. Jeffrey Lane
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Mr. Lane,

One of my constituents has contacted me regarding UniStar Nuclear Energy's loan guarantee application.

I have enclosed a copy of my constituent's letter which outlines these concerns. I would appreciate it if you would forward any information you may have concerning this matter via email to stacia_stanek@feingold.senate.gov or via facsimile (202-224-2725) to the attention of Stacia Stanek in my Washington office so that I may forward that information to my constituent.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Feingold
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

September 17, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing today in support of Infinia Corporation's application for a $65 million loan guarantee to support an innovative energy technology project.

As you know, Congress provided for the creation of the Title XVII DOE Loan Guarantee Program as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. A principal purpose of this program is to encourage early commercial use in the United States of new or significantly improved energy technologies.

Infinia Corporation of Kennewick, WA recently applied for an original Title XVII Loan Guarantee. Based on their successful Phase I application, Infinia was invited to proceed and submit a Phase II application. Infinia's application will support not only capital investment at Infinia's facility in Washington state, but also at Infinia's supply chain partners in the Mid-West, Utah and California, primarily firms in the automotive parts industry.

To date, the typical DOE Loan Guarantee Program application has been to support a large renewable energy production project or a large energy renewable equipment manufacturing facility. To the best of my knowledge, Infinia's application appears to be the first application for a loan guarantee to support capital investment in a complete renewable energy technology manufacturing supply chain. This project has the commendable objective of transitioning automotive industry jobs and infrastructure to support renewable energy technology manufacturing in the USA.

I encourage the Department to give Infinia Corporation's application full and fair consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Doc Hastings
Member of Congress

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HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.
4TH DISTRICT, GEORGIA

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September 28, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director of Loan Programs
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Re: U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee
Biomass Energy Project

Dear Mr. Silver,

I am writing to offer my support to Green Energy Partners, LLC (GEP), a renewable energy technology venture's plan to build a state of the art biomass power plant in the 4th Congressional District. GEP is sponsored by Moradison Investments, LLC and EDT Energy, LLC. The biomass power plant, powered by yard waste (woody biomass), discarded fats oils, and grease will be located in DeKalb County, specifically, the city of Lithonia, Georgia which is both structurally appealing and has the strong potential to serve as a catalyst and unlock new investments in other urban areas across the country. The technology's greatest attribute is it has no emissions and will supply green renewable power enough to power 7,000 homes.

This project is in line with my personal priorities and the priorities of our nation and the Department of Energy programs because of the potential to create 75-100 jobs during the course of construction and provide a new income stream to the county. It also has the support of Georgia Power, the largest subsidiary of the Southern Company and DeKalb County commission which has agreed to sell its wood chips, grass clippings and yard waste. The yard waste, along with cooking oil and greases, will be gasified and turned into electricity.

I fully support this biomass power project and ask that the U.S. DOE give it due consideration. Please notify Ms. Paulette Suggs in my office of your decision on the loan guarantee. She can be reached via email at paulette.suggs@mail.house.gov or by phone at (770) 939-2016.

With best personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Hank Johnson

Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr.

Cc: Ms. Theresa Walker

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September 30, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of a $65 million loan guarantee application submitted by Infinia Corporation for an innovative renewable energy project.

As you know, Congress provided for the creation of the Title XVII DOE Loan Guarantee Program as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. A principal purpose of the Title XVII Loan Guarantee Program is to encourage early commercial use in the United States of new or significantly improved technologies in energy projects.

Infinia Corporation of Kennewick, WA recently applied for a Title XVII Loan Guarantee. I understand that based on their successful Phase I application, Infinia was invited to proceed and submit a Phase II application, which they did on September 17. Infinia's application will support not only capital investment at Infinia's facility in Washington State, but also at Infinia's supply chain partners in the Mid-West and elsewhere involved mostly in the automotive parts industry.

As you know, transitioning the automotive industry employment base to the manufacturing of renewable energy and energy efficiency products is a high priority for President Obama. Creating or maintaining family wage jobs is also obviously a high priority for Congress.

I applaud Infinia's efforts to convert automotive industry jobs into renewable energy jobs. I hope that you will give their application your full and fair consideration.

Very truly yours,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
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September 30, 2010

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

As members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation, we support your statement that "to meet our growing energy needs we'll need to increase our supply of nuclear power." The Commonwealth is committed to working to increase our nation's supply of nuclear energy. However, in order for your goal of "a new generation of safe, clean nuclear power plants" to be achieved, it is imperative that we have active engagement by the White House on this important issue, particularly as it relates to the nuclear loan guarantee program.

We strongly support a workable nuclear loan guarantee program. The nuclear loan program has the potential to help aid a nuclear renaissance. The rest of the world is far outpacing the U.S. in its commitment to clean nuclear energy. A workable nuclear loan guarantee program will promote green energy by encouraging the production of more nuclear sites which provide CO2 emission-free energy. Unfortunately, the way in which the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is calculating the credit subsidy cost threatens to derail a nuclear renaissance before it is even started. This problem is demonstrated first-hand by the proposed credit subsidy OMB is placing on the UniStar Calvert Cliffs project in Southern Maryland.

As you know, UniStar Nuclear Energy, in partnership with Virginia-based AREVA, has received approval from the Maryland Public Service Commission to build a 1,600 megawatt nuclear unit at Calvert Cliffs in Southern Maryland. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is currently reviewing their license application. However, in order for the project to move forward they must receive a workable loan guarantee that includes a reasonable credit subsidy cost. Judging from historical and modeled data it is reasonable to conclude that the risk of default for the Calvert Cliffs project would be very low, while the rate of recovery would be very high. Unfortunately, OMB is setting the post-completion recovery rate at 55%, which is producing a credit subsidy cost that is too high for UniStar to accept. OMB must consider that nuclear energy is a proven technology with a historically low default rate. We believe OMB should take into account these criteria which would allow for the post-completion recovery rate to be raised above 55%.

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The Virginia Congressional Delegation is closely following the Calvert Cliffs loan guarantee. While the reactor will be based in Maryland, the design and production of this reactor will support jobs in Virginia. The economic impact and the potential job creation of this project are vast for the Commonwealth. According to AREVA, this project would support 200 jobs in reactor design certification. AREVA Newport News is a $360 million investment to build a heavy nuclear component manufacturing facility that would employ 350 engineers and laborers for this project. Additionally, AREVA does business with over 1,600 vendors in the Commonwealth of Virginia which would benefit from this project. However, all of the job creation and economic activity this project would create is in jeopardy if UniStar does not receive a conditional commitment for their loan guarantee with a workable credit subsidy cost by October 15th.

While Virginia's economy would benefit from this project, it is important to note that the nuclear energy community is also closely following the status of this loan guarantee. The Calvert Cliffs plant would be built in a merchant/deregulated market. If this project were to fail due to inability to reach a workable loan guarantee, it would send a signal that nuclear loan guarantees cannot work in a merchant/deregulated market. This would be a significant setback to your goal of a new generation of nuclear power plants. We believe the future of nuclear emission-free energy in the United States is too important to be set back by the inability of OMB to establish a workable credit subsidy for the loan guarantees in this market. We ask that you please work with OMB so we can get past this stalemate and move this project forward.

The success of the nuclear loan guarantee program and this project is vital to Virginia. We hope that you will work to resolve outstanding issues with the nuclear loan guarantee program not just for the success of the Calvert Cliffs projects but to encourage and promote this carbon-free technology.

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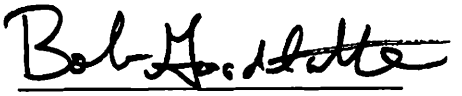

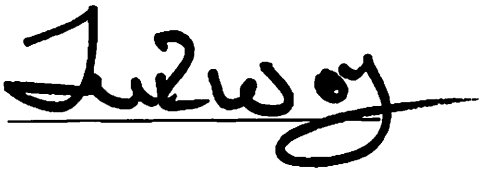

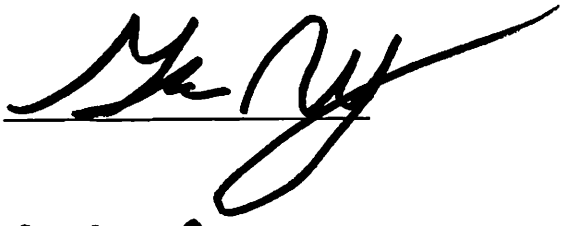

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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: Amonix Loan Guarantee Application

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of Amonix's application to the Department of Energy (DOE)'s Loan Guarantee Program. This submission proposes to install a 12.01 MW solar project in the Southwestern United States, creating green jobs and generating clean, renewable electricity. Consideration of innovative solar technologies is vital as we accelerate our efforts to move America toward renewable energy and increase domestic job prospects. This loan guarantee would support a valuable addition of green energy to the desert, offsetting carbon while creating new jobs for Americans. Further, this solar technology is ideal for the desert environment in the Southwest, because it produces clean power without consuming power and employs minimal land disturbance.

Amonix is a leading manufacturer of high concentration photovoltaic (HCPV) solar power generators for utility scale solar installations, offering technology with significant performance, deployment and cost advantages over traditional solar electric generation. This innovative technology has been tested and proven at Sandia National Laboratory and has received numerous awards, as well as further votes of confidence with a significant round of funding from respected financial institutions.

Amonix's planned solar installation presents exciting job prospects in the Southwest. Our difficult economic climate makes this loan guarantee critical to the success of the installation. This loan guarantee will diversify the economy in the Southwestern states by creating green jobs and result in the generation of clean electricity that is uniquely suited and beneficial to our region. Amonix's solar installation will create 245 direct jobs, and additional positions will be added by the manufacturing. This project will generate 12.01 MW of clean energy while reducing 16909 tons of carbon annually.

I encourage support of these efforts by Amonix through your loan guarantee program consistent with relevant rules, regulations, and procedures. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Shelley Berkley

SHELLEY BERKLEY
Member of Congress

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Dear Secretary Chu,

This letter is to indicate my strong support for the application submitted by ZAP Motor Manufacturing to the Department of Energy for a loan under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. According to ZAP, consideration of its application is "substantially complete."

I would like to commend the Department for its excellent work in supporting advanced vehicle technologies, whose success is an critical step in decreasing our consumption of fossil fuels, improving the fuel efficiency of American vehicles, and reducing our impact on the environment.

As you may know, ZAP was one of seven finalists under consideration for the Progressive Insurance Automotive X PRIZE, having met or exceeded all of the competition's goals. In fact, the vehicle ZAP submitted for the contest performs better than many advanced vehicles currently on the market. While ZAP was not selected as a final winner, it was selected in an online poll as the "Most Practical" and "Most Wanted" vehicle amongst the X PRIZE contestants.

According to ZAP, it has a dealer network in place with over 350 independent locations that are interested in purchasing and servicing ZAP vehicles; it can bring these vehicles to market by 2011; and it will create hundreds of direct jobs and over 20,000 indirect jobs across the country.

With approval of the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan, ZAP will produce two separate electric vehicle models; a heavy-weight truck and either a van or sedan model, both of which will cost approximately $30,000. With proven consumer interest and vehicle affordability, ZAP is uniquely positioned to lead the next generation fleet of 21st Century electric vehicles.

In accordance with all applicable law and regulation, I strongly support ZAP's loan application which will allow it to quickly bring American-made electric vehicles to all consumers at an affordable prize. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ethan Rosenkranz of my staff at 202-225-5161.

Sincerely,

Lynn Woolsey

Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing in support of the Loan Guarantee application being submitted by Infinia Corporation on behalf of its supply chain partners in Michigan.

Infinia Corporation is committed to improving quality of life by changing the way the world uses energy. This funding will enable them to support supply chain manufacturing facilities in Michigan as they transition to renewable energy manufacturing. It is my understanding that this loan application may be the first to support capital investment in a complete renewable energy technology manufacturing supply chain.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to manufacture renewable energy technologies and I am pleased that Infinia Corporation recognizes this potential. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I am impressed by Infinia Corporation's commitment to reducing our state and national carbon footprint. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of Infinia Corporation's application for a Department of Energy Loan Guarantee for a Concentrated Solar Energy Manufacturing Project.

Infinia Corporation of Kennewick, Washington recently applied for an original Title XVII Loan Guarantee. After a successful Phase I application, Infinia was submitted a Phase II application. Infinia's Loan Guarantee application is unusual in that it will support not only capital investment at Infinia's facility in Washington State, but also at Infinia's supply chain partners throughout the country.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 established Title XVII DOE Loan Guarantee Program to encourage early commercial use of new or significantly improved energy technologies. Infinia's application for a loan guarantee supports capital investment in the entire renewable energy technology manufacturing supply chain. This project will assist in the critical transition of automotive industry jobs and infrastructure to renewable energy technology manufacturing jobs here in the United States.

During the 111th Congress, my top priority has been putting Americans back to work and getting our economy back on track. Increased investment in innovative energy technologies, like Infinia's proposal, will help create opportunities that will lead to stronger and more sustainable economic growth. I ask that every consideration be given to their request.

Best Wishes,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress

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Dear Secretary Chu and Acting Director Zients:

I am writing to seek your assistance in ensuring that the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program reaches its full potential. It is critical that loan guarantee applications are reviewed efficiently and expeditiously by DOE and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The Loan Guarantee Program was initially authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. However, under the prior Administration, the program was severely understaffed and failed to issue any loan guarantees or conditional commitments.

In the Recovery Act, Congress established the temporary section 1705 program to spur investment in renewable energy. Since that time, the Obama Administration has made great strides in standing up a Loan Guarantee Program that is beginning to produce significant results. In the last year and a half, DOE has issued conditional commitments or finalized loan guarantees totaling nearly $13 billion for 14 projects. These projects span 12 states, support a broad array of clean energy technologies, and will create over 13,000 construction jobs and more than 4,000 long-term operating jobs. By comparison, the highest total for U.S. private sector clean energy project finance in a single year was $19 billion.

DOE has expressed confidence in its ability to move from issuing two conditional commitments per month to as many as four or five conditional commitments per month this

autumn. If this vital goal is to be attained, OMB must do a better job of reviewing loan guarantee applications. OMB has an important role to play in protecting taxpayers by ensuring that the credit subsidy cost for each loan guarantee is properly calculated. But the Committee has received reports of unnecessarily slow and duplicative reviews of DOE-negotiated terms by OMB. There is no question that you must continue to take your fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers seriously. But I encourage you to refine your review and coordination process so that applications are evaluated in an expeditious manner.

In addition, I request that OMB provide the following information by October 18, 2010:

1. Please provide a detailed description of OMB's role in and process for reviewing loan guarantee applications and term sheets. What is the statutory basis for each such OMB activity?

2. How often and in what respects does OMB's review process duplicate work already done by DOE? How can redundant information requests and analysis be reduced?

3. How often and to what extent have term sheets negotiated by DOE been modified at the direction of OMB?

4. For each conditional commitment issued by the Loan Guarantee Program, please provide the number of days OMB spent reviewing and approving the term sheet. For each finalized loan guarantee issued by the Loan Guarantee Program, please provide the number of days OMB spent reviewing and approving the credit subsidy cost.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions regarding this request, your staff may contact Jeff Baran of the Committee staff at 202-225-4407.

Sincerely,

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October 6, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director
U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program
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Dear Director Silver:

I write in strong support of the cellulosic ethanol biorefinery that will be built by Frontier Renewable Resources, LLC (Frontier), through its operating subsidiary, Frontier Kinross, LLC, in Kinross Charter Township, Michigan. Frontier is a partnership between Mascoma Corporation and J.M. Longyear, LLC.

This commercially-viable project has tremendous potential to help both Michigan and the nation achieve its economic, energy, and environmental objectives as outlined by the Obama Administration. The Frontier cellulosic ethanol project is a singular opportunity at a crucial time for our nation and we are proud to offer our support.

Recognizing the need to invest in our nation's energy future, we urge the U.S. Department of Energy to approve the loan guarantee application submitted by Frontier as it begins taking steps toward building its cellulosic ethanol biorefinery in Michigan.

The Frontier biorefinery can help make the United States a clean energy leader by producing renewable low-cost cellulosic ethanol using innovative and proven bioprocessing technology. Frontier can help the nation compete with internationally in the race to harness the full potential of biomass resources in the pursuit of the fuels of the future.

The proposed Frontier biorefinery will use naturally regenerating pulpwood to produce up to 40 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol per year. By applying advanced biotechnology and process engineering to sustainable bio-based resources, Frontier can produce much-needed low carbon transportation fuel.

I also urge you to support this project because of its short and long-term jobs benefits to Michigan. The Frontier cellulosic ethanol biorefinery will invest up to $300 million and generate approximately 700 Michigan jobs.

The construction phase of the project from 2011 to 2013 will create an estimated 150 jobs. Once the biorefinery is operational, about 50 full-time jobs will become available, including positions

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for chemists, engineers, office managers, administrators and others. The State of Michigan also estimates that up to 700 additional jobs will be created as a result of the economic spin-off in the manufacturing, agriculture, and timber industries in Michigan.

Recognizing the many benefits to the economy, energy policy, and the environment, state and local governments in Michigan have put the full weight of their support behind the Frontier project. To date, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has committed $23.5 million in support of the project. In addition, the MEDC has identified incentive programs to facilitate project development, including renaissance zone designation, state business tax credits, anchor cluster credits, job training, and other programs.

In light of the many benefits that will grow from this project, we urge you to view Frontier as a crucial component toward accomplishing the energy, economic, and environmental goals of the Obama Administration, which has clearly stated its commitment to producing next-generation cellulosic ethanol. As part of its energy policy, the current administration has set a goal of producing two billion gallons of cellulosic ethanol by 2013, in addition to supporting existing federal goals such as the Renewable Fuels Standard and other measures outlined in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

I urge the DOE to support Frontier's loan guarantee application to build and operate a commercial scale biorefinery and invest in new technologies that can strengthen our nation's energy future. Together, we can advance national goals of energy independence while creating good paying jobs, strengthening Michigan's economy and reducing pollution.

I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

BART STUPAK
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Jeffrey Zients
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Dear Secretary Chu and Acting Director Zients:

I am writing to inquire about the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program. I seek your assistance in ensuring that the loan guarantee review process is expeditious and productive, in order to assure that DOE is able to process loan guarantee requests at its pledged rate of four to five per month this fall. In particular, the entire Connecticut delegation in the House of Representatives have issued two letters of support to the applications submitted by FuelCell Energy, Inc. to DOE, most recently in a letter sent to Secretary Chu on September 2, 2010, which was timed to coincide with DOE's Part II review.

Congress and the Administration addressed frozen credit markets by establishing an emergency loan guarantee program for renewable energy projects in the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The temporary program (Section 1705 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005) has resulted in a tremendous private industry response. DOE has received proposals to invest billions of dollars in energy infrastructure. As of August, DOE had 81 separate renewable energy infrastructure and transmission projects either in its final "due diligence" phase of review or its second-to-last review phase (Part II).

In Connecticut, the DOE's emergency loan guarantee program is helping to drive an unprecedented interest in private sector energy infrastructure development. FuelCell Energy, Inc. placed eight (8) project applications into the Section 1703 DOE Loan Guarantee Program in

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September thru November 2009. The Projects were proposed as an entire set, owing to the collective merit across Connecticut and their ability to foster in-state manufacturing jobs coincident with the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Collectively, the eight applications represent $225 million in in-state investment, comprised of $135 million sales revenue for in-state manufacturing and $90 million in construction and other in-state project costs. In addition, the projects would contribute $10 million in state sales taxes and $15 to $20 million in property taxes over their contract terms.

Unfortunately, the loan guarantee application review process conducted by both DOE and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) takes too long, and I am increasingly concerned that worthy projects will not receive financing in time to take advantage of the Treasury Grants Program. In contrast, expeditious review of applications could drive private investment in energy infrastructure projects during this economic downturn, advancing both our economic and environmental goals.

I strongly support a thorough review of each application for a Federal loan guarantee. However, I am confident that applications could be evaluated more expeditiously, and just as effectively. Private investors proposing to put Americans to work building energy infrastructure projects should be turned away on the merits of their applications, not because the Federal government failed to give their application due consideration under a reasonable timeline.

I respectfully call on you to follow through on your commitment to process four to five loan guarantee applications per month this fall. Furthermore, I ask that you prioritize review of applications that propose to build projects that will qualify for Renewable Energy Treasury Grants if they break ground by the end of 2010.

Like you, I remain fully committed to the success of the DOE Loan Guarantee Program for renewable energy projects, and look forward to working with DOE and OMB to ensure the program realizes its full potential.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of Chrysler's section 136 loan guarantee application that would help finance facility, tooling, and equipment upgrades designed to raise production capabilities at the Belvidere, Illinois, plant.

The loan guarantee would allow Chrysler to build a new body shop and upgrade the body sealer lines, paint facilities, and the trim/chassis/final assembly operations. Chrysler projects that with the proposed upgrades, vehicles built at this facility for the next five model years would save nearly 200 million gallons of fuel.

Chrysler estimates the project would help the company retain two full shifts at the facility (1,950 jobs) and create the possibility of adding a third shift. In addition to the regular employees, the upgraded facilities would support more than 500 contract employees.

Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of Chrysler's loan application.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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October 13, 2010

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Dear Mr. Lane,

I am writing to express my strong support for 1366 Technologies' application for financing under the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program.

Headquartered in Lexington, MA, 1366 Technologies' mission is to make the cost of solar power competitive with coal power by 2012. The company is combining breakthrough innovations in silicon cell architecture developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with manufacturing process improvements to make the world's most cost effective multi-crystalline solar cells. Silicon wafers remain the single largest cost component in the manufacture of solar panels, and 1366 Technologies' Direct Wafer manufacturing process reduces wafer cost by 60%, eliminating the cost barrier that has hindered the growth of solar energy. With financing from the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program, the company can accelerate its expansion and establish itself, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a global leader in the solar energy industry.

If awarded, the funds would be used for the construction of a 100MW demonstration factory. Construction of the factory, which is scheduled to begin in late 2011, is estimated to produce 70 construction jobs. Once construction is complete, the functioning plant will produce nearly 100 permanent jobs, and provide business to local suppliers and distributors. 1366 Technologies has already secured partial funding and equity commitment letters from private capital firms, and is working with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on additional financing. The company is requesting $33 million from the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program to cover the remaining costs of the project.

The construction of a manufacturing plant by 1366 Technologies would create jobs for the short and long term, and help establish the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a leader in the alternative energy industry. This project will benefit Massachusetts tremendously, and I urge you to give 1366 Technologies' application your highest consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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October 13, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Dr. Chu:

I am writing to call your attention to Massachusetts-based 1366 Technologies' request to guarantee a $35 million loan that would support an expansion of domestic silicon solar wafer manufacturing. The expanded facility would enable 100 megawatts of wafer production capacity and scale up a technology that promises to dramatically reduce the cost of manufacturing silicon photovoltaic (PV) modules. These kinds of breakthrough developments by small, innovative companies are critical to spurring a domestic solar industry and addressing our nation's most pressing needs: creating jobs, restoring U.S. manufacturing competitiveness, achieving energy independence, and combating climate change.

The United States has long been the global leader when it comes to clean energy technology breakthroughs. However, these breakthroughs are increasingly being scaled up and commercialized overseas. Today, America's market share in solar PV manufacturing has sunk below 5 percent, a troubling development for a global industry that has seen grid-connected capacity expand 60 percent annually over the last decade. Solar PV module prices fell by half in the last two years, and the technology is poised to reach cost parity with conventional electricity from the grid within the decade. The Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program provides financing support that is critical to helping American clean energy companies and workers compete in this high-growth sector. I urge you to give the application from 1366 Technologies the highest consideration.

Thank you very much for your prompt consideration of this important matter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Jonathan Phillips on my staff at 202-225-4012.

Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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October 18, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for Infinia Corporation's application for a $65 million loan guarantee to support an innovative energy technology project.

A principal purpose of the Title XVII DOE Loan Guarantee Program, which was enacted as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, is to encourage early commercial use of new or significantly improved energy technologies.

Infinia Corporation of Kennewick, Washington recently applied for an original Title XVII Loan Guarantee. Based on their successful Phase I application, Infinia was invited to proceed and submit a Phase II application. Infinia's Loan Guarantee application is unusual in that it will support not only capital investment at Infinia's facility in Washington State, but also at Infinia's supply chain partners throughout the country, including companies involved in the automotive parts industry.

Infinia's application for a loan guarantee supports capital investment in the entire renewable energy technology manufacturing supply chain. This project will help transition automotive industry jobs and infrastructure to support renewable energy technology manufacturing across the country.

I ask for your full and fair consideration of this loan guarantee application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dave Reichert
Member of Congress

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October 20, 2010

Mr. Jeffrey Lane
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Lane:

Enclosed please find a letter that I have received from my constituent, [redacted] regarding UniStar Nuclear Energy's loan application for the Calvert Cliffs project.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a response for my constituent. Please mail your response to my Lynchburg office at the address marked below.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress

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October 21, 2010

Secretary Elizabeth Nolan
Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138
1000 Independence Avenue, Sw
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Nolan,

Enclosed you will find information I have received from my constituent, [redacted] is concerned about the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program for Advanced Nuclear Energy Projects.

I would appreciate any information that I can receive on the status of [redacted] concern. If you should need anything from [redacted] to complete his file, please let me know. Any correspondence should be addressed to:

The Honorable Mark R. Warner
919 E. Main Street
Suite 630
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Attention: Lydia Donovan

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Mark R Warner

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United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 25, 2010

Mr. Jonathan M. Silver
Executive Director
Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

It is my understanding that Infinia Corporation of Washington State, which partners and subcontracts with companies in Pennsylvania, has submitted an application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program for its Infinia Manufacturing Initiation Project (IMIP). The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this worthwhile proposal.

I am advised that Infinia created the "PowerDish", the first Stirling-based solar power generation system suitable for mass production. I am further advised that this loan will enable Infinia to invest in the necessary production assets, based in the United States, to obtain 300-MW scale production of the "PowerDish."

I have been informed that Infinia has and will continue to partner and subcontract with two Pennsylvania businesses and a Pennsylvania-based laboratory as it moves towards implementation of IMIP and large-scale production. Specifically, I understand that Infinia works with North American Hoganas, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, which manufactures a copper alloy used by Infinia in its engines. I have visited the Johnstown facility and was impressed with the operations there. Additionally, I am informed that Infinia has worked closely on research and development with Thermacore in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the Applied Research Laboratory at Penn State University in State College, Pennsylvania. As it appears, this project will have a profound impact on reducing carbon emissions and increasing energy independence and is expected to create 700 manufacturing and development jobs over the next three years in Pennsylvania and around the United States.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (215) 405-9660.

Sincerely,

Bob Casey, Jr.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

October 28, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Department of Energy
James Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

As a Member of the U.S. Senate, I am writing with respect to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Section 136 Advanced Vehicle Technology Manufacturing loan program. This program, which provides loans to automobile and automobile part manufacturers for producing fuel-efficient advanced technology vehicles or qualified components, can be a useful tool in upgrading the vehicles available to the hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officials across the country.

The vehicles that law enforcement agencies use today -- the largest, most visible government fleet of vehicles -- are retail passenger cars that were never designed for heavy-duty law enforcement usage. Needed law enforcement equipment (such as lights, sirens, radios, cameras, etc.) is retrofitted to a retail passenger vehicle in a potentially costly and haphazard manner. Under this current system, law enforcement agencies have no economies of scale in purchasing vehicles, equipment or maintenance services. In addition to purchasing its own fleet of vehicles from a local car dealer, each law enforcement agency is responsible for purchasing and installing the emergency equipment from a multitude of vendors located all over the country.

There are potentially significant safety issues with retrofitted vehicles as well. As you may know, the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires crash testing of all vehicles sold in the United States. Unfortunately, there is no such requirement for additional testing once a vehicle has been retrofitted with aftermarket law enforcement related equipment. These adaptations are completed at the agency's own risk and officers have been injured or killed because of this unfortunate practice. Section 136 projects that focus on the needs of law enforcement officials can consider these factors directly and develop vehicles that are designed solely for this purpose.

As the Department continues to evaluate applications in response to this program, we urge you to consider and prioritize the needs of law enforcement first responders and projects that can assist them in protecting the lives of our citizens and better securing our homeland.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Evan Bayh
United States Senator

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV
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November 19, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, Southwest
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Dear Secretary Chu.

I am writing regarding a proposed project by West Virginia Alloys, a subsidiary of Globe Metallurgical, to capture waste heat currently vented from the silicon furnaces to generate clean electricity. The proposed project would use captured heat to generate 65 megawatts of clean power, without burning fuel or emitting any pollution. In addition to environmental benefits, the project would help the silicon manufacturer reduce its energy costs, expand its output and employment, and increase its global competitiveness.

West Virginia Alloys originally submitted a loan application for the project, to be located in rural West Virginia, in February 2009 under the Department of Energy's (DOE) 1703 Loan Guarantee Program. However, the application has not moved forward for more than a year. I am asking that the project be moved from the 1703 Program and be allowed to qualify under the 1705 Loan Guarantee Program enacted in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The 1705 Loan Guarantee Program offers substantial opportunities to advance clean energy, reduce pollution, and increase employment. In that spirit, I encourage a broad interpretation of "renewable energy systems that generate electricity" to include clean energy waste energy recovery projects for loan consideration under the Section 1705 loan program. Currently 10 states, including West Virginia, recognize such waste energy recovery as a renewable energy system.

I encourage you to allow West Virginia Alloys to compete for a loan under the 1705 program and to accelerate the Department's review of the project application. Once operational, the facility will fulfill the program's goals of generating clean power, reducing pollution, and providing needed jobs.

Thank you for your consideration and help and any question can be referred to my staff, Patrick Bond at 202-224-6472.

Sincerely,

John D. Rockefeller IV

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November 19, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I'm forwarding the attached documents from Solar Junction, a company headquartered in my district in San Jose, California, regarding its application for a loan guarantee through the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program. According to Solar Junction, the application was denied based on "material and factual inaccuracies" by the DOE.

While I applaud you for your leadership in implementing the Loan Guarantee Program, it is alarming if Solar Junction's application was denied due to mistakes by the Department. As you are well aware, the Loan Guarantee Program is an effective tool in driving private investment in renewable energy projects. Solar Junction, for instance, states that its loan guarantee proposal would enable the company to expand its current 7 megawatt demonstration facility to a 100 megawatt high-efficiency solar cell manufacturing facility.

I ask that you give full and fair consideration to Solar Junction's request to reopen their application consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

Cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office
David Frantz, Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office

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December 3, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for speaking with me on October 26, 2010, regarding the denial of an application that was submitted to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program by the Seaview Refinery Group (Seaview), located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Seaview submitted its application to round five of the Program and the loan was intended to finance the construction of a used motor oil re-refinery in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. This application was submitted on July 19, 2010, and was accompanied by my letter voicing support for the project.

It is my understanding that the proposed re-refinery would produce base lubricating oil from used motor oil, which can be sold to lubricant blenders and distributors, rather than simply being disposed of as an unwanted waste material. It is also my understanding that the 40 million gallon (annual) re-refinery is to be built at the Keystone Industrial Port Complex, a brownfield redevelopment site in Lower Bucks County, and will create 40-50 skilled, permanent jobs and more than 1,000 construction jobs. As such, the project would provide a two-fold benefit to Pennsylvania and the nation - it would provide needed jobs while addressing the environmental issues associated with the disposal of used motor oil.

On October 18, 2010, Seaview received an e-mail from David Frantz, Director of the Loan Guarantee Program, which stated that "the Department of Energy will not proceed further with the evaluation of this project." As it appears, the loan was denied because the Department of Energy determined that the process of refining used motor oil would lead to more greenhouse gas emissions than the Department's baseline scenario of directly combusting the used oil.

Seaview has since presented technical questions about the methodology that was used by the Department of Energy to determine the facility's lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and included them in a letter to David Frantz. In the letter, which is attached, Seaview requests a meeting with the appropriate Department of Energy staff members to discuss the data used by the Department in determining Seaview's greenhouse gas emissions and the process by which it may re-submit a new and updated application through round seven of the solicitation. I am informed that the round seven solicitations are due on December 31, 2010.

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The purpose of this letter is to express my continued interest in this matter and to request that the appropriate staff from the Department of Energy meet with representatives from Seaview on a timely basis to discuss the apparent discrepancy in greenhouse gas emissions data. As this project appears to achieve the national goals of energy security and greenhouse gas reductions and to create much-needed manufacturing and construction jobs in Pennsylvania, I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of Seaview's request. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (215) 405-9660.

Sincerely,

Bob Casey, Jr.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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JOE BACA
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
December 7, 2010

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs Office
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

This letter is to reiterate my support for the loan guarantee application that Rentech Inc. has submitted to the Loan Guarantee Program Office under Sec. 1705 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act for the Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC). I remain strongly supportive of this project and Rentech's application and this letter is a follow-up to my previous correspondence dated November 30, 2009.

Rentech submitted the second part of their application for the July 19 deadline and have also responded to a request to your office for additional information. I am informed that the company has recently notified your office that they intend to submit no additional material information for consideration in your review of their application. I am aware that this is a lengthy and complex process that, if not conducted in a timely manner, could very well result in the project failing to meet the Recovery Act deadline for start of construction by September 30, 2011.

I am sure that you agree that this is a worthwhile and crucial project. It will deploy some of the most tested technologies in the area of advanced biofuels production, which is backed by more than $250 million in private research funding by Rentech. The project also benefits from the co-production of baseload renewable power to be sold into the wholesale market in Southern California. With California increasing its renewable portfolio standard to 33 percent there will be ample demand for the type of power offered by the Rentech project. I am told that the company is close to entering an agreement with a local utility for the sale of all of the facility's power output for an extended period.

I support Rentech's application and request an immediate and favorable response in order to ensure that the company has sufficient time to meet the Recovery Act Deadlines.

Thank you for your efforts to advance renewable energy projects such as Rentech's. If you have any questions please contact my office at 202-225-6161.

Sincerely,

JOE BACA, Congressman
43rd Congressional District

Cc: The Honorable Steven Chu, U.S. Department of Energy
Heather Zichal, Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Policy

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December 7, 2010

Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy
U. S. Department of Energy
Office of Headquarters Procurement, MA-64
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to offer my continued support for the application of Rentech, Inc., a corporation in the First District of Colorado, for a Recovery Act – Federal Loan Guarantee for the Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC), a renewable fuels and power facility being developed in Rialto, California, which employs innovative energy efficiency, renewable energy and advanced transmission and distribution technology and advanced bio-fuels. It is my understanding that Rentech has submitted the required materials for Part 2 of the process and is awaiting notice from the Department of Energy that it has been selected to enter into the next stage of the process, due diligence

Although the facility will be located in California, much of the planning, engineering, technology integration and design work will be conducted at Rentech's Denver metropolitan company sites where it was founded nearly thirty years ago. With its research and engineering operations remaining in this area, our community stands to benefit from the direct and indirect creation of jobs.

Rentech asserts the development of the Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC) will produce both renewable electricity and ultra-low carbon, advanced biofuels, serving the goals of meeting the targets of the Renewable Fuels Standard, as updated in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and the state of California's Renewable Portfolio Standard for renewable power production. It is on schedule to meet the "start of construction" deadline of September 30, 2011, as dictated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which will allow it to qualify to receive federal funding of the credit subsidy costs of a loan.

Please give Rentech's application for a federal loan guarantee your appropriate consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana DeGette

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Member of Congress

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December 8, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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RE: DE-FOA 00000140

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing on behalf of Rentech, Inc. and its application for the Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies Part II solicitation awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Rentech, Inc. is seeking funding through this loan application for its Rialto Renewable Energy Center, a renewable fuels and power facility being developed in Rialto, California. This project will deploy the Rentec-Silvagas gasification technology, through development partnerships with the Department of Energy, National Renewable Energy Labs, Battelle Labs and Atlanta-based Silvagas for conversion of biomass into hydrocarbon energy.

Combining the SilvaGas gasifier with Rentech's synthetic fuel technology, the facility will produce approximately 8,000,000 gallons per year of "drop-in" renewable diesel from cellulosic materials and 35MW of base-load renewable electrical power for export surrounding communities. The fuels derived from this project are ultra-clean, have a life-cycle carbon footprint near zero, and will help meet the goals Congress laid out in the Renewable Fuels Standard for advance biofuels with the additional benefit of reducing our need for imported oil.

The Rialto project will help commercialize biomass technology that can be exported around the world and broadly depoloyed across the United States. This would be especially beneficial in the Southeast where we have an abundance of managed timber yet a dearth of reliable sunlight and wind for renewable power production.

In accordance with your policies and procedures, I request that you give Rentech, Inc. your full consideration for this loan guarantee. I would appreciate you keeping my office informed of the progress of this application and any awards under this funding title. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my grant director, Katy McEver at (770) 661-0999.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Johnny Isakson
United States Senator

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cc: Jodi Willoughby

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United States Senate

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December 8, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I would like to thank the Department for meeting yesterday with Biodiesel of Las Vegas to re-review the company's application for a loan guarantee under the Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies Solicitation (DE-FOA-0000140).

Biodiesel of Las Vegas is seeking a $25 million loan guarantee to finance a state-of-the-art, 100-million gallon-per-year biodiesel production facility in North Las Vegas, which will create over 100 badly needed jobs for Nevadans. The company has already successfully demonstrated the project's viability with a plant that currently generates 5-million gallons-per-year of biodiesel. Biodiesel from this demonstration facility is fueling vehicles owned by several federal agencies, including the U.S. Air Force and Navy, as well as private companies.

The project is uniquely situated with access to the Union Pacific Railroad, a new rail yard with abundant capacity, as well as other infrastructure that make the site ideal for one of the largest biodiesel production facilities in the nation.

The project proponents, who have already invested roughly $40 million in developing the process and the project site, are applying for a loan guarantee to help finance deployment of new and significantly improved production, distribution and infrastructure technologies that will make the production facility possible.

Although the Department originally rejected Biodiesel of Las Vegas' application last month, I believe there was likely a misunderstanding about the eligibility of the technologies included in the company's application. Specifically, in its rejection letter, DOE cited the ineligibility of fatty acid methyl ester biodiesel projects. However, because Biodiesel of Las Vegas is applying for a loan guarantee under a different subcategory of eligibility within DOE's solicitation related specifically to "biofuels production, distribution and infrastructure," it appears that the project should be eligible.

I am hopeful that after the Department reconsiders the rejection, this project, which will help reduce our dependence on foreign oil while spurring job-creating development in Nevada, can be eligible for further consideration and will be ultimately awarded a loan guarantee. Thank you again for your close attention to this important project.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid
Majority Leader

cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office

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December 15, 2010

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu and Secretary Geithner:

I write to offer my strong support for the Solexant Corporation's application to the United States Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. It is my understanding that if granted the guarantee, Solexant will utilize it to dramatically increase production capacity at its Gresham, Oregon site. This has the potential to create thousands of jobs and contribute significantly to the United States' technological competitiveness and energy independence efforts.

Solexant's nanotechnology-based deposition process represents a significant advancement in the technology of solar energy manufacturing. As a strong supporter of research and commercialization of nanotechnology, I am eager to see Solexant employ this new technology which I believe will complement the efforts of the Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI) and enhance Oregon's leadership in the renewable energy sector and nanotechnology.

Solexant is already building out its first 100MW manufacturing line in Gresham and the loan guarantee will enable deployment of future production modules, creating hundreds of construction jobs and an additional 900 permanent, high-paying manufacturing jobs. Solexant's experience with its pilot plant in California and its independent construction of the first manufacturing line will not only give Solexant substantial hands-on experience with their innovative technology, but it will also reduce the financial risk to the Federal Government of the guarantee the company is requesting.

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As we move into the 21st Century, it is vital that the United States develop and maintain a manufacturing base for renewable energy technologies and the DOE Loan Guarantee Program is an important tool to achieve that goal. I believe awarding a loan guarantee to Solexant would be consistent with the intent of Congress to spur investment in, and deployment of, innovative and disruptive renewable energy manufacturing projects.

Therefore, I urge you to give the Solexant application a full and favorable review.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden

Ron Wyden
United States Senator

2010-017622

Congress of the United States
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December 15, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We write to request your consideration of the pending nuclear loan guarantee applications before the Department of Energy, including the one submitted by the South Texas Project.

In the past, you have stated that nuclear energy can play a significant role in a diverse portfolio of energy sources. We agree nuclear energy is a sustainable energy source that reduces carbon emissions; increases energy security by decreasing our dependence on foreign oil; and produces virtually no conventional air pollution, such as greenhouse gases and smog. If we are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the scale necessary to preserve our environment and protect our planet for future generations, nuclear energy will need to be part of the mix.

Congress and the Administration have signaled their support of nuclear energy and our communities have a lot at stake with the success of the South Texas Project. Not only will STP create jobs and spur economic activity, but it will provide affordable energy to consumers when the first reactor goes online in 2016. Not surprisingly, the Governor of Texas, the Mayor of San Antonio, and other key public and private stakeholders support the project.

For these reasons, we strongly urge your timely consideration of the pending applications for loan guarantees, including that which would make the South Texas Project economically viable. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

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December 20, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to request that consideration be given to Nanosolar's application for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Nanosolar is headquartered in my district in San Jose, California. I joined you when you visited this innovative company earlier this year.

Nanosolar reports that it intends to use the loan guarantee to expand its domestic manufacturing facility from a baseline of 30 megawatts to 700 megawatts. It is my understanding that Nanosolar has developed a patented roll-to-roll thin film printing process that enables the company to produce solar cells in a high-throughput manner that is both cost- and capital-efficient. Nanosolar states that its panels are used in commercial rooftop and utility-scale power plants and believes that plants built with its panels can deliver power at close to grid parity pricing in many parts of the country. Expansion at Nanosolar, I am advised, would create needed jobs in Silicon Valley.

Thank you for the Department's full and fair consideration of this application consistent with applicable law, rules, and regulations.

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

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December 20, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

With this letter I am pleased to reiterate my support for the loan guarantee application of Commerce City, Colorado-based Rentech Inc. for the development of the Rialto Renewable Energy Center (RREC).

Rentech has produced innovative energy solutions in Colorado for over 30 years. The RREC, to be based in Rialto, California, is well-positioned to leverage lucrative and ever-growing regional market opportunities, due in no small part to California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). While this facility will most immediately serve a customer base outside Rentech's home state, the operation will rely heavily upon essential research and engineering resources located in Colorado.

Crucially, Rentech has already built the relationships necessary to compete and succeed in Southern California's energy market. It has secured a supply contract with Los Angeles International Airport for ultra-clean diesel, and negotiations are currently underway for an agreement that would supply a local utility with the company's entire power output. These early developments signal that Rentech possesses the leadership and expertise required to become a significant force in clean energy development, economic growth, and job creation.

As the construction deadline for loan applications under Sec. 1705 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is swiftly approaching, I encourage you to afford Rentech's RREC every consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I appreciate your leadership advancing Colorado's and America's clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet
U.S. Senator

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December 21, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am encouraged by your recent comments in support of nuclear power as a clean energy source. Nuclear power can supply the base-load electricity our growing economy needs, and it is emission free.

Pending before the Department of Energy are several loan guarantee applications for nuclear power plants, including the STP project in Texas. DOE has moved forward on one loan guarantee application for a project in Georgia; we hope that it is now time for DOE to move forward on the other projects, particularly the STP project in Texas. For Texas that will mean thousands of new high-paying jobs.

In this connection, it is essential that we receive a reasonable loan fee so as not to jeopardize the economics of the project. We have already seen the devastating impact of an unreasonable loan fee on a nuclear power plant project, and we do not want to see that again.

The local community strongly supports the STP project; the Mayor of San Antonio strongly supports it; the Governor of Texas strongly supports it; and I strongly support it. I understand that the STP application is ready for action. Accordingly, I hope that the Department of Energy is ready to act.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Ralph M. Hall

Ralph M. Hall
Member of Congress

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December 21, 2010

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
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Re: Xtreme Power Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies (DE-FOA-0000140)

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write in support of Xtreme Power's application to take a brown-field automotive plant and transform it into an advanced energy storage technology manufacturing center. Xtreme Power is headquartered in Kyle, Texas and the facility is in Wixom, Michigan. This project would create jobs and build a new foundation for a clean energy economy in Texas, Michigan, and the United States. In total, it will result in 1,881 direct jobs, 6,000 supplier jobs, and the manufacturing capacity to build 1.3 gigawatt hours per year of energy storage. The Austin area alone stands to gain 100 high tech and engineering jobs from this venture. This project will also support secondary job creation at key suppliers across the country.

The public benefits of this project are overwhelming. Energy storage is a technology critical to enable renewable energy integration, reduce costs to consumers, and increase the security of the grid. Establishing a domestic manufacturing base will create real, high paying jobs now, launch a new generation of American manufacturing leadership, and support a long term economy in domestic and export markets.

This redevelopment project will bring new life to an industrial brown-field and jobs across the country. This is only a beginning: industry analysts believe the energy storage market may support approximately 114,000 incremental, direct jobs over the next 10 years.

This project is of national significance to our energy goals, and I thank you for your full and fair consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett

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December 21, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for Nanosolar's Phase II application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Nanosolar, formerly of Burlingame, California, in my district, has since relocated its headquarters, facilities and cell manufacturing plant to San Jose, California. Nanosolar intends to use the loan guarantee to secure financing to expand its domestic manufacturing facility.

Nanosolar is an innovative solar company that has developed a patented roll-to-roll thin film printing process that enables the company to produce solar cells in a high-throughput manner that is both cost- and capital-efficient. The company's panels are used in commercial rooftop and utility-scale power plants, and Nanosolar has indicated that plants built with its panels can deliver power at close to grid parity pricing in many parts of the country.

Expansion of Nanosolar's manufacturing capability in the United States will help our nation regain its leadership in this globally competitive industry. Nanosolar's expanded capacity will also help promote energy security and independence for the United States while creating high-paying, skilled jobs in nanotechnology-enabled manufacturing, advanced product design, and downstream solar system engineering and installation.

Thank you for your careful consideration of Nanosolar's application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program.

All the best,

Jackie Speier
Member of Congress

cc: Jonathan Silver
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DOE Loan Guarantee Program Office

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 21, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing to reiterate our strong support for Next Autoworks Company's loan application under the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program and inquire about the status of the application.

Next Autoworks resubmitted a revised ATVM application in May 2010 that was almost immediately declared substantially complete and expeditiously reviewed for technical and financial merit. We appreciate the Department's work to move the application through several critical stage-gates over the past several months.

Next Autoworks has the ability to transform communities in Louisiana by bringing critical economic growth and jobs to our state and region. As you know, the company plans to re-equip a former Guide Corp plant in Monroe, LA that was shuttered in 2006 and establish a production facility that would bring approximately 1,400 direct jobs and an additional 1,800 indirect jobs to Northeast Louisiana. In addition, the project will create thousands of jobs at supplier facilities across the U.S. The State of Louisiana and local communities have already demonstrated their commitment to the project by offering the company $82 million in grants, $12.8 in employee training services, and an estimated $33.8 million in tax abatements to support the project.

Every day that Next Autoworks' application is delayed is another day that workers cannot be hired to begin work at the Monroe site and help mitigate our state's continued high unemployment rate. Moreover, continued delay in the financing for the project will also negatively impact the vehicle's launch timing and this Administration's goals for fuel economy. DOE's own environmental assessment of this project, issued in October 2010, states that Next Autoworks' vehicle will have a significant positive impact on fleet fuel economy and the environment by providing a high quality, affordable "green" car to the American market.

We strongly urge you to continue to expedite Next Autoworks' application. We would request an update on the status of the application and expected timeframe for moving forward before the end of the year.

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Sincerely,

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December 22, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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RE: Nanosolar Loan Guarantee Program Application

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in support of Nanosolar's Phase II application to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program for the purpose of advancing the company's plans to continue expanding their domestic manufacturing facility.

Nanosolar is an innovative solar company that has developed a patented roll-to-roll thin film printing process. Their technology enables the company to produce solar cells in a high-throughput manner that is both cost- and capital-efficient. The company's panels are used in commercial rooftop and utility-scale power plants, and Nanosolar has indicated that plants built with its panels can deliver power at close to grid parity pricing in many parts of the country. A DOE Loan Guarantee for Nanosolar's production expansion may provide benefits to the broader renewable energy industry.

Building out Nanosolar's factory in the United States could provide support to the United States in regaining manufacturing leadership in solar panel technology, which could promote energy security and independence for the United States. Expansion of Nanosolar's annual production may provide for clean and inexpensive renewable electricity while creating more than 14,000 jobs annually by 2013 in nanotechnology-enabled manufacturing, advanced product design, finance and administration, and solar system engineering and installation. I am told that third-party analyses of Nanosolar's manufacturing processes have shown that the expanded production of Nanosolar panels for use in solar power plants nationwide will allow for the substitution of energy derived from coal and other conventional energy sources. The analyses also indicate that the technology will help avoid the generation of more than 4 million tons of greenhouse gases each year.

I support Nanosolar's Phase II application to the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program, and ask that it be given full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda

Mike Honda
Member of Congress

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December 22, 2010

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for the Hualapai Valley Solar Project, a proposed 340 megawatt solar trough plant with molten salt storage located 100 miles south of Las Vegas in the Mojave Desert. The project's sponsors have applied for a $2 billion loan guarantee under the Department of Energy's Section 1703 Innovative Technology Program.

Las Vegas is the closest population center to the project, which will create 1,500 jobs during the 3-year construction period and 100 permanent jobs once the plant is operational. The sponsors are also negotiating a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Nevada's largest utility, NV Energy, to provide solar power to southern Nevada.

In addition to creating badly needed jobs, the Hualapai Valley Solar Project has several major benefits to Nevada and the entire Southwest. The project, which will generate $500-600 million in economic benefit for Nevada and Arizona economies, also uses innovative energy storage technology and will utilize reclaimed water from local wastewater treatment plants instead of limited groundwater resources. The molten salt storage system will allow the plant to continue generating clean electricity for eight hours after the sun sets. This technology is well suited to the load in Las Vegas, where it remains hot well into the nights during the summer peak demand period.

I am hopeful that as the Department review's the Hualapai Valley Solar Project's loan guarantee application, it recognizes the tremendous opportunities this project offers for Nevada, the southwest, and for advancing innovative solar energy technologies in the United States. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact my staff.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid
Majority Leader

cc: Jonathan Silver, Executive Director, Loan Programs Office

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January 7, 2011

Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I understand that Hoku Corporation and its subsidiary Hoku Materials, Inc. have filed an application with the U.S. Department of Energy for a $100 million Title XVII loan guarantee. Hoku is a publicly-traded American high-technology company, headquartered in Honolulu, Hawaii, that is seeking the DOE loan guarantee so it can expand its polysilicon manufacturing facility currently under construction near Pocatello, Idaho.

The Hoku plant, which will produce material used in solar photovoltaic panels, is exactly the type of clean energy manufacturing project Congress intended to encourage when it enacted Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The Administration also has supported this type of investment.

It is my understanding that Hoku, its parent company, and customers have already committed more than $350 million to the construction of this plant. Phase I of the plant, which will allow initial commercial production to commence, will be finished in the first half of 2011. This additional funding from the loan guarantee program will allow Hoku to complete all construction and reach its full production potential in a shorter period of time. This will increase the number of jobs at the facility and increase the services they will utilize.

I recognize that DOE already has issued loan guarantees for other solar manufacturers. We hope that DOE will be consistent in applying its policies for the loan guarantee program as it considers Hoku's request. I fully support the Department conducting rigorous due diligence on Hoku's application, just as is done with all Title XVII loan guarantee application. I am optimistic this review will show that Hoku's application is strong and is deserving of DOE loan guarantee support.

Thank you for your thorough consideration of their application.

Very Truly Yours,

James E. Risch
United States Senate

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January 12, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to request that you give serious consideration to the request submitted by CSolar Development for a Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee to build the Imperial Solar Energy Center South and West projects. While I am not able to speak to the financial merits of CSolar's application, the firm is proposing to develop a site that is more compatible with solar development than projects proposed on pristine public land.

This project would bring hundreds of jobs and new investment to Imperial County, which currently has the highest unemployment rate of any county in the United States (29.3 percent in October). San Diego Gas & Electric has already signed a 25-year power purchase agreement to procure up to 130MW of renewable power from this proposed facility.

CSolar Development – a subsidiary of Tenaska Inc., which has developed 15 power plants with about 9,000 megawatts of capacity – proposes to build a solar PV facility on privately-owned and previously disturbed agricultural land. I understand the project will require less water than the agricultural use it will replace. The development of this site is also not expected to take or harm species protected under the Federal Endangered Species Act, according to its draft Environmental Impact Review, and spring biological field surveys found no endangered species on the project site. Very few large scale solar projects in California are proposed on sites where biological surveys find no Federally-protected species.

As you know, I continue to be concerned that the DOE Loan Guarantee Program is not reviewing job-producing renewable energy projects in California expeditiously. DOE informed Governor Schwarzenegger that the Administration would make every effort to process four to five loans a month during the fall of 2010, but no new conditional loan guarantees have been issued to renewable energy projects in California during the fall, and no new commitments to renewable energy projects have been made nationwide over the past three months.

I am pleased that under the leadership Mr. Jack Lew, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has agreed to review all proposed conditional loan guarantee commitments within 20 days of the DOE credit committee meeting. I hope this commitment leads to a more predictable review process. I understand from OMB that only two conditional commitments have been submitted to it for review since November 1. I am aware that your team is negotiating final terms on a number of conditional loan guarantees, and I hope this will lead to your Department sending four to five new conditional loan commitments to OMB for review per month in the coming months as pledged.

Thank you in advance for giving thorough consideration to this request. I look forward to being updated on the progress of the loan guarantee program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. I hope you and your family had a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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January 19, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are writing in strong support of two applications resubmitted to the Department of Energy (DOE) for loan guarantees under the DOE's Section 1705 Loan Guarantee Program.

As you know, Clairvoyant Energy and Xtreme Power Solutions have submitted proposals to redevelop Ford Motor Company's former manufacturing facility in Wixom, Michigan into a state-of-the-art renewable energy park. The two renewable energy companies would serve as anchors to the redeveloped facility and support the manufacture and production of energy storage systems and photovoltaic cells. Importantly, financial support for this project would help bring thousands of good manufacturing jobs to Michigan and strengthen our nation's energy security.

The updated applications submitted by Clairvoyant Energy and Xtreme Power Solutions reflect DOE's feedback and include new supplemental material. We believe the result is an improved and strengthened application; we hope you will give both applications strong consideration.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

January 25, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

We write today to kindly seek your assistance in obtaining DOE action to issue a loan guarantee conditional commitment for the South Texas Nuclear Project.

The applicant (Nuclear Innovation North America or NINA) was anticipating a final decision by mid-February. They now are being advised by DOE technical staff of the need for updating certain documentation, which we are told will not have a material effect on the conditional commitment, but could extend the schedule by additional months. The project sponsors have committed to substantially increase project spending, and begin creating hundreds of new jobs, immediately upon issuance of the loan guarantee. If the process is delayed any further, there is a serious risk that the project could be cancelled entirely. The private sector partners need some certainty that the federal government will be a reliable partner.

In his January 2010 State of the Union Address, President Obama called for "building a new generation of safe, clean nuclear power plants" as a key component of his "clean energy" program. We respectfully encourage the Administration to demonstrate its commitment to job creation and clean energy by making awarding the conditional loan guarantee commitment to the South Texas Project a priority effort over the next few weeks. The conditional loan guarantee committee is a non-binding federal action that involves no obligation of federal funds.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you on this important issue. We are aware that DOE cannot share the details of the loan guarantee application process; however, any information on when we and stakeholders can expect a final decision would be helpful.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Gene Green
Member of Congress

Charles Gonzalez
Member of Congress

CC: Phil Schiliro, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
CC: Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 11, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We write today in strong support of the Frontier Renewable Resources cellulosic ethanol biorefinery which is being developed in partnership by Mascoma Corporation, based in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and J.M. Longyear LLC, based in Marquette, Michigan.

As you know, domestically produced renewable fuels are an important means to achieving energy independence while reducing carbon pollution. We believe the development of an alternative to corn-based ethanol, such as cellulosic ethanol, is also critical to producing a low-carbon transportation fuel that does not compete with food.

Congress has recognized the significance of cellulosic ethanol by creating several tools to assist in the commercialization of cellulosic ethanol facilities, including loan guarantees from the Department of Energy. The Frontier cellulosic ethanol project has tremendous potential to help our nation become more energy secure by producing large quantities of cellulosic ethanol. These low-carbon transportation fuels can be blended with gasoline and help satisfy the requirements of the Renewable Fuels Standard established by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (PL 110-140). To that end, we urge the Department of Energy to approve the loan guarantee application submitted by Frontier.

The proposed Frontier biorefinery will use abundant, naturally regenerating pulpwood to produce up to 40 million gallons of low-carbon cellulosic ethanol per year. In addition to the larger societal benefits of this project, it will create an estimated 70 full-time direct jobs, 150 construction jobs during 2011-2013, and 700 indirect jobs as a result of the construction and operation of the biorefinery.

This project will help us advance our national goals of energy independence while creating good paying jobs, strengthening our economy and reducing carbon pollution. We urge you to support Frontier's loan guarantee application to build the commercial scale cellulosic ethanol biorefinery in Kinross.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

Carl Levin
United States Senator

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HARRY REID
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February 14, 2011

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I really appreciate the progress being made by the Department of Energy's renewable energy loan guarantee program in reviewing loan applications and moving major projects forward into the final financing phase. Your attention to this important program and the leadership of Jonathan Silver have improved the process significantly.

As you know, I have been one of the strongest and most outspoken supporters of expanding renewable energy development and using every tool at our disposal to make the United States a global leader in clean energy job creation. The DOE loan guarantee program is and must continue to be a vital tool to help support American innovation and make our businesses globally competitive. This program can play a vital role in forging public-private partnerships to advance the clean energy economy, which is particularly important when the energy industry is not on its own investing sufficient funds in cutting edge technology development to meet our national economic, energy and environmental security needs.

I hope you move very quickly to obligate the remaining FY11 funds as they could otherwise be jeopardized by various unwise proposals to rescind those important monies. As you may be aware, there are several Nevada renewable energy projects in the loan guarantee application queue. Because of the significant positive impact on jobs and economic development in Nevada these projects would provide, I want to encourage your continued diligence in getting these applications reviewed and approved in a responsible and timely fashion.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. Please contact me or have your staff contact Chris Miller in my office if there are questions or comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
Majority Leader

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 15, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu, PhD
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my understanding that Hualapai Valley Solar in Arizona, in partnership with Flabeg Solar US in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, has applied for assistance through the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program Sections 1703 and 1705. The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

I am advised that Hualapai Valley Solar is a 340 MegaWatt solar power plant currently in development in Mohave County, Arizona. I have been further advised that this project will use Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) technology that requires mirror panels. I have been informed that Flabeg Solar produces mirror panels for CSP technology at its newly constructed plant in Clifton, Pennsylvania, and will be the main supplier of these panels for the project. I am further informed that Flabeg Solar has added 90 full-time positions in the past year and anticipates doubling that number in the upcoming months. As it appears, this funding will be used to provide Americans with a clean, renewable source of energy, and will have a positive effect on the economy and job growth in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I also respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this loan application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (412) 803-7370.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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February 17, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Mr. Jacob J. Lew
Director
The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Secretary Chu and Director Lew:

We are writing to urge you to expeditiously approve Cape Wind's Loan Guarantee application with the Department of Energy (DOE) so that this project can begin construction.

This innovative project is poised to create jobs and kick start a whole new industry in the United States. A DOE loan guarantee would greatly help this first U.S. offshore wind project secure financing in this challenging financial market.

Your timely approval of Cape Wind's application will significantly reduce the cost of this electricity to Massachusetts electric consumers. The recently approved long term power contract between Cape Wind and National Grid stipulates that 75% of the financial benefit of securing lower cost of capital through a DOE loan guarantee will be provided directly to electric consumers in the form of a reduced rate. This will mean millions of dollars in savings to Massachusetts consumers.

Cape Wind will create over 1,000 jobs in Massachusetts and give us a first-mover advantage in building the supply chain for the emerging offshore clean energy industry. And because of the jobs Cape Wind will create, it has the strong support of organized labor including the Maritime Trades Council AFL-CIO representing 70,000 workers in New England.

Governor Deval Patrick announced last October the Commonwealth is working with the City of New Bedford to build a new multipurpose Marine Commerce Terminal which will be the first facility in the country designed for the staging and assembly of offshore wind turbines. Cape Wind will be the first customer of this facility which will bring hundreds of new jobs and contribute to the economic revitalization of this historic port and city.

Cape Wind is bringing manufacturing jobs to Massachusetts. Mass Tank, a Massachusetts-based steel company in partnership with Louisiana-based Gulf Island Fabrication and German-based

EEW, has announced its plans to open a new manufacturing facility in a Massachusetts port to construct the steel foundations for Cape Wind creating up to 300 new jobs. Cape Wind will also create jobs on Cape Cod where their waterfront headquarters will be located for maintaining and servicing the project.

Cape Wind will help the nation achieve important public policy goals such as greater energy independence, greater energy diversity, cleaner air, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Because of its many important public benefits, Cape Wind has the support of the leading environmental, labor and health organizations of the region.

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Cape Wind is the first U.S. offshore wind farm to secure all of its Federal, State and local permits. Last year Interior Secretary Salazar granted it with the nation's first offshore wind power lease. With your help, Cape Wind can allow the U.S. to start tapping into its vast offshore wind power potential as Europe and China are now doing off their shores.

What this new industry needs most is for the first offshore wind turbines to be installed off our shores to demonstrate the seriousness of our nation in moving forward. This is precisely what your timely approval of a DOE Loan Guarantee to Cape Wind will provide.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM KEATING
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February 17, 2011

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Sincerely,

John F. Kerry

EXEC-2011-001900

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 22, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for working with us to promote the best interests of Piketon, the State of Ohio, and our nation. We write to you in regard to a key employer in our state, USEC, Inc. Specifically, we write to urge the Department of Energy (DOE) to work as quickly as possible to complete its review of USEC's application for a loan guarantee to construct the American Centrifuge Project's uranium enrichment plant.

The American Centrifuge Project offers a unique capability for the United States and is worthy of national priority. It will increase our energy security by providing a long-term domestic source of enriched uranium for our nation's nuclear power plants, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 10,000,000 tons per year, and supporting important national security and nonproliferation functions of our government.

We know that your decision must be based on technical and financial factors. Ensuring that the centrifuge plant can operate reliably and protecting the interests of the American taxpayers are key priorities, but we hope that you will do everything in your power to bring this process to a rapid completion.

This project will create an enormous number of jobs at a time when unemployment in Ohio is 9.6% and in Pike County, where this project would be located, is at 14.8%. According to USEC, development of the project will create nearly 8,000 manufacturing and construction jobs – equal to the total number of jobs created by all the loan guarantees previously issued under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Given the length of time this application has been pending, and given the tremendous technical progress that has been demonstrated to date, we believe a conditional commitment would be appropriate for this loan guarantee. We hope that you will explore the execution of such a

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commitment on terms agreeable to both the Department of Energy and USEC. While progress has been made, it is imperative that the remaining work move more quickly. Timing of DOE action on the loan guarantee is critical to the future of this project.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate the support the Administration has provided to date, and we look forward to working with you on this critical national priority to improve our energy infrastructure and support job creation.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Rob Portman
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 2, 2011

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We are pleased to write you again to offer our continuing support for Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable, LP's application to the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. The financing of this project will include substantial upgrades to the Bonneville Power Administration transmission system, as well as the construction of the cable itself.

As we indicated in our letter to you dated November 23, 2009, this project links the transmission systems of the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. In addition to adding capacity to the existing transmission system, the improvements made through this project could provide substantial benefits for transmission upgrades that facilitate access to renewable generation sources, energy storage facilities, energy markets, and other resources.

Construction of this project will bring immediate employment opportunities to our area. In the long-term, reinforcing development of the renewable energy industry in our region will not only bring clean, reliable power but increased job creation and economic opportunities as well.

Thank you for your continued consideration of the Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable Project. Please contact my Seattle office at 206-553-5545 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
United States Senator

Maria Cantwell
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Anna G. Eshoo
Fourteenth District
California

March 7, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Secretary Chu,

I write to express my support of Tesla Motors and their plans to introduce an affordable, electric compact four-door sedan into the U.S. market by 2015. In order to maintain this timeline, the company has submitted an application under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan program.

Tesla plans to market their Gen-III, mass-market vehicle for approximately $30,000 (after the $7,500 tax credit) which is part of the company's goals to reduce the cost of buying an electric vehicle. Tesla applied to the Department of Energy's ATVM Loan Program for the financial support required to accelerate the engineering integration and capital equipment purchases required to bring the Gen-III to market. Process efficiencies at the Tesla Factory in Fremont, California will allow a significant increase in production volume for the Gen III, and within three years Tesla expects to produce more than 200,000 vehicles per year. Importantly, production launch will be a significant catalyst for job creation and Tesla expects to create 5,000 manufacturing jobs in the U.S.

Tesla has already demonstrated that it can manage all aspects of a vehicle program, including design, development, manufacturing, marketing and servicing of an electric vehicle. Tesla's ability to execute on this program is greatly enhanced by the fact that it has secured a factory with ample production capacity and has deployed its powertrain technology in five different vehicles.

I respectfully request that you give Tesla's application your highest consideration when making the final selection for applicants to proceed to the next phase of the process, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Most gratefully,

Anna G. Eshoo

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress

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1ST DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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March 14, 2011

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I understand that Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable, LP ('Sea Breeze') has been invited by the Department of Energy to submit a Phase II application under the Innovative Technology Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

Sea Breeze proposes to construct and operate a 30-mile underwater transmission cable that would connect two major transmission grid systems - the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) in Port Angeles, Washington and the BC Hydro in Victoria, British Columbia. Sea Breeze anticipates that the project will provide an approximate 25% increase in transmission capacity between NW Washington and SW British Columbia, as well as address challenges currently facing an aging and congested transmission system. I am told that the project will increase grid reliability in the region, as well as allow for the transmission of electricity from new wind and other renewable resources.

Project costs also include substantial upgrades to the existing BPA transmission system. When fully implemented, the project may reduce the need to build, maintain and call upon standby generation, typically from thermal generation plants, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This project provides an opportunity to support important energy priorities for the Pacific Northwest and the United States. I hope you will give Sea Breeze's proposal your full and fair consideration.

Very truly yours,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

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RICHARD G. LUGAR
UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 14, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to share my support for the application of Carbon Motors Corporation to receive funding from the Department of Energy through the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Incentive Program.

Carbon Motors Corporation chose Connersville, Indiana, as the location for their headquarters and operations and plan to develop and produce the first purpose-built law enforcement vehicle. Mayor Leonard Urban, as well as other local government officials and the people of Connersville, have worked hard to do their part to make this project happen, and they are waiting for the Department of Energy to respond.

The Carbon Motors vehicle, as described in their materials, would reduce consumption of oil and provide environmental benefits since it would be powered by more efficient diesel engines, rather than conventional gasoline combustion engines commonly used by law enforcement vehicles today. We are informed that they have substantial orders already from across all 50 states. The company anticipates that they will create an estimated 1,500 jobs directly and indirectly create approximately 10,000 jobs at a time when Connersville and Fayette County currently suffer from one of the highest unemployment rates in Indiana.

I remain hopeful that the Department of Energy is giving thoughtful and prompt consideration to Carbon Motors Corporation's loan application.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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March 15, 2011

Jonathan Silver
Executive Director – Loan Programs Office
U.S. Department of Energy LP 10
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am writing to ask that you address record maintenance issues highlighted in the recent Audit Report published by the Department of Energy's Office of the Inspector General expeditiously.

According to the conclusions of this report, "...the Program record keeping and documentation policies and practices did not meet the standard for Federal financial programs and, as such, did not provide sufficient transparency and accountability, especially given that the Department may guarantee up to an estimated $71 billion in loans." Proper management of records within the Loan Program Office needs to be a top priority to ensure a smooth and timely application process. As a supporter of this program, these conclusions deeply concern me. I trust that you agree and are taking action to address them.

I would appreciate it if you could explain how you are planning to address the concerns and restore confidence in this program. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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March 31, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express my support for a loan application being submitted to your department by Nexteer of Saginaw, Michigan, through the Advanced Technologies Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

It is my understanding that Nexteer has a diverse global customer base and is a market leader in advanced steering technology. The company also has a history of innovation (over 100 years).

Nexteer officials have explained that the company's focus on Electric Power Steering (EPS) is a green technology that offers automakers increased fuel economy and reduced emissions.

I have been informed that the DOE loan funds will be used for the expansion, enhancement and development of Nexteer's EPS product line in Saginaw, including the purchase of 170 pieces of capital equipment and will support engineering integration activities. Nexteer expects that this investment will result in the retention of American jobs—both manufacturing (500+) and engineering (400+). Engineering and manufacturing jobs in Michigan will also be retained.

Because EPS supports the requirements of the DOE program by offering fuel efficiency gains, as well as reducing carbon emissions, and because these funds will help to retain American jobs, I am most happy to add my support to Nexteer's loan application.

I trust that you will give Nexteer's application your full and fair consideration. Please notify my Saginaw office, listed below, when a final determination is made regarding this application.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

Carl Levin

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April 12, 2011

Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

As the Republican House struggles to control the country's deficit, there is a stronger need than ever to efficiently execute the country's priorities. Managed properly, loan guarantees have great potential. They allow companies to finance projects with better interest rates and at lower costs. They lower the risk for lenders and can help an innovative company attract equity investors. If the loan applicants are properly vetted to reduce risks, the government can cost effectively support innovation. If, however, loan guarantees are managed poorly, they are ineffective at spurring innovation and subject taxpayer's to significant risks.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently issued a report titled, "Further Actions Are Needed to Improve DOE's Ability to Evaluate and Implement the Loan Guarantee Program." In its report, GAO found that DOE failed to treat loan applicants consistently.

Before DOE makes a conditional commitment for a loan guarantee, its procedures call for engineering, financial, legal, and marketing reviews of proposed projects as part of its due diligence process to mitigate risk. If DOE lacks the in-house capabilities to conduct these reviews, then applicants pay to have contractors perform external reviews. GAO found that of the 10 conditional guarantees that DOE made, 5 were made before DOE received final reports from external reviewers. In one case, DOE made a conditional loan guarantee before it received any of its external reports.

DOE's failure to follow its own procedures heightens the risk of financial loss for taxpayers. I would therefore appreciate a response to the following:

1. Why did DOE commit to guarantees without the external reviews?
2. Which projects did DOE approve without obtaining all the external reviews?
3. DOE told GAO that it "fast-tracked" certain loan guarantees because of "strong business fundamentals." How could you assess these fundamentals without proper review?
4. What information did DOE rely on in determining that a project should be fast-tracked?

5. Has DOE issued any loan guarantees or commitments since GAO's review? If so, did DOE first obtain the external reviews?
6. What changes has DOE made to its loan guarantee program following GAO's review?

I appreciate a response before May 1, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Ledden at (202) 225-5101.

Sincerely,

F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Vice Chairman, Committee on Science, Space and Technology

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 14, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is our understanding that Intelligent Energy Emerald Holdings Inc. (Emerald) is applying for a loan from the U.S. Department of Energy Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program.

Emerald is a fleet vehicle manufacturing company that is focused on providing low-emissions delivery trucks that allow operators to drastically reduce environmental impact without increasing lifetime costs or affecting existing duty cycles. The loan being sought will assist them with the final engineering integration of their initial vehicle, the T100, as well as the rehabilitation of an existing manufacturing facility or construction of a new facility in St. Louis, Missouri that will serve as the vehicle production site.

Missouri is well positioned to develop advanced technologies that will enable the United States to achieve energy security and needed economic growth. Domestic clean-energy manufacturing, the export of US manufactured goods and associated job creation are all critical pieces to the continued recovery and growth of our nation. The Emerald vehicle manufacturing project will create upwards of 2,700 jobs in Missouri. Component part suppliers that are expected to co-locate with Emerald will provide an additional 2,000 jobs, resulting in more than 4,700 new total clean technology and manufacturing jobs in our state.

We know that Emerald is fully committed to the production of cost-effective advanced technology vehicles in the State of Missouri. We ask for your expedient review of the Emerald application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress

Russ Carnahan
Member of Congress

Jo Ann Emerson
Member of Congress

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2011-005148

CLAIRE McCASKILL
MISSOURI

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 14, 2011

Secretary Stephen Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing in support of the loan application from IE Emerald Holdings Inc. ("Emerald") for the U.S. Department of Energy Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program.

Missouri has a long and proud history of automobile manufacturing and has long been a top ten automobile-producing state. As recently as 2009, almost one-third of the counties in Missouri had auto industry employment concentrations that exceed the national average. However, the consolidation, relocation or elimination of those jobs has been overwhelming. In 2005, there were five vehicle assembly plants in Missouri. Today, only two remain, and shifts at those plants have been eliminated in the past two years. In fact, when loss of automobile manufacturing jobs is calculated as a percentage decline from a peak-month-2000 comparison, Missouri has had the highest percentage decrease of automobile manufacturing jobs in the United States, surpassing losses in other auto-manufacturing states such as Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

Due to the recent loss of these jobs in our state, Missouri possesses an extensive and underutilized pool of talented individuals proficient in the manufacturing of automobiles and automobile parts. The loan to Emerald will support necessary engineering integration costs and the rehabilitation of a former Ford manufacturing facility in order to produce low emissions delivery trucks. This project will provide long term economic benefits including the direct and indirect creation of an estimated 4,700 clean energy jobs and will assist many of those individuals and small businesses who are most affected by the current economic downturn. At the very time that the St. Louis region needs new companies to stimulate the economy, create jobs and continue the revitalization of the area, this project will bring important automobile manufacturing jobs to our state.

The loan application has the support of local municipalities, local chambers of commerce, and organized labor, counting among its supporters the city of Hazelwood, the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA), and the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Please extend full consideration to this application and keep me informed on the progress of this request.

Sincerely,

Claire McCaskill
United States Senator

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DEBBIE STABENOW
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April 15, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my understanding that Nexteer Automotive in Saginaw, Michigan is applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program Loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Nexteer Automotive is an automotive supplier and global leader in advanced steering and driveline systems. This loan will enable them to expand, enhance and further develop their electric power steering product line in Saginaw, as well as purchase capital equipment and support engineering integration activities.

The State of Michigan and the City of Saginaw are well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to produce the next generation of automobiles and I am pleased that Michigan companies, like Nexteer, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The manufacturing and engineering jobs that will be retained are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Nexteer Automotive is very committed to producing advanced technology vehicles. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Debbie

Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

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April 15, 2011

Henry Kelly
Acting Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Kelly,

General Electric recently announced plans to construct the nation's largest photovoltaic manufacturing plant in the US. The plant's annual solar panel production will generate 400 megawatts of energy each year. The plant will generate 1,000 manufacturing and support jobs for the local economy. G.E. has already signed agreements to supply enough solar panels to generate 100 megawatts of electric power to customers. This project along with many others demonstrates that American business is serious about growing the nation's renewable energy industry.

As a Member on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy & Water, I believe that the federal government must do everything it can to help projects like this succeed. As a result, I would like to inquire whether projects like this would be eligible for assistance under Section 1703 and 1705 of Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005? If not, are there any Department of Energy (DOE) programs that could assist companies develop more ventures like this?

In addition, the DOE has been heavily involved in helping to make Philadelphia a center for the emerging green economy through efforts like the Energy-Efficient Building Systems Design Hub. Please provide details on the status of DOE's energy efforts in Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

Chaka Fattah

Chaka Fattah
Member of Congress

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STEVEN M. PALAZZO
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April 21, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Silver
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

We are writing to request that serious and timely consideration be given to Stion Corporation's $75M application for the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program. Stion Corp. is constructing a factory in our district in the former Sunbeam building in Hattiesburg, MS.

Stion reports that the loan guarantee, if granted, would enable the company to add a second production line of 100 megawatt of capacity to their thin-film solar panel manufacturing facility in Hattiesburg Mississippi. This would enable them to drive down the costs of their panels and make them more affordable to American purchasers, as well as help maintain American production capacity in this vital sector. Stion is currently producing the highest-efficiency monolithically integrated thin-film solar panels in the US, and has already demonstrated next-generation "tandem junction" prototypes that are directly competitive to Chinese-made silicon products in performance. Stion projects that the new capacity will create 200 direct jobs from 2011-2012, and nearly 1,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs in all, while producing enough energy to power nearly 20,000 American homes per year.

Stion's proposal has the full support of the Mayor of Hattiesburg, the Governor and State Legislature of Mississippi, as well as local and state economic development agencies.

Thank you for the Department's full, fair and timely consideration for this application.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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April 25, 2011

Hon. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to bring your attention to an application by Sempra Generation for a U.S. Department of Energy federal loan guarantee for its Mesquite Solar 1 solar project located in Arlington, Arizona.

Mesquite Solar 1 is a vital solar project for Arizona that meets the goals of Section 1703 of Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Through the use of innovative photovoltaic solar technology, the facility boosts job creation and supports the state's efforts to develop a thriving clean tech industry, provides a new supply of domestically-produced clean electricity and enhances U.S. energy security.

When completed in 2013, the 150-megawatt installation will generate enough renewable energy to power approximately 56,000 homes, while avoiding the release of more than 190,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. Mesquite Solar 1 is a sustainably-designed project that yields additional environmental benefits beyond the deep reductions in carbon emissions and air pollutants. By constructing the project on previously-disturbed land adjacent to existing power plants and transmission lines, impacts on habitat and species are significantly reduced. Further, the photovoltaic panel technology requires no water to generate electricity, saving this scare resource for other needs in Arizona.

Mesquite Solar 1 also supports positive economic growth and job creation in Arizona. The plant is expected to create more than 300 construction jobs and up to 10 positions to operate the facility at a time of near record high unemployment. Additionally, a portion of the photovoltaic solar panels for Mesquite Solar 1 will be manufactured at a new factory in Arizona. This project represents a unique opportunity for Arizona to grow its economy by participating in several aspects of the solar industry supply chain, including manufacturing, construction and operations.

In standing with all federal statutes, rules, and regulations, I request your review of this application.

Sincerely,

Ed Pastor
Member of Congress

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 3, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director
Loan Guarantee Program
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-0001

Dear Mr. Silver,

We write to request that serious and timely consideration be given by the Department of Energy to Stion Corporation's application for the Loan Guarantee Program.

Stion Corporation manufactures high-efficiency thin-film solar panels and is constructing a factory in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. If granted a loan guarantee, we understand the company would be able to add a second production line of 100 megawatt capacity to the facility in Hattiesburg. This would enable Stion to drive down the cost of their panels, making the panels more affordable while aiding American production capacity in this sector.

We believe that this project will provide a significant economic opportunity for Mississippi and its citizens, while supporting long-term economic growth through reliable and affordable energy. We appreciate your consideration of utilizing Mississippi and its resources for the development of energy technologies, and we thank you for the Department's full, fair and timely consideration of this application consistent with all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

Thad Cochran
United States Senator

Roger F. Wicker
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1401

May 4, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I write to request technical assistance from the Department of Energy regarding possible legislative revisions to improve any or all of the Section 1703, Section 1705, and Section 136 programs administered by the Department's Loan Programs Office.

I am particularly interested in revisions to support alternatives to foreign oil (such as advanced biofuels, synthetic fuels, and enhanced oil recovery through use of CO2) and automotive innovation for fuel savings; however, I welcome your team's technical guidance beyond those areas. Specifically, I would welcome the Department's suggestions concerning:

- Adapting the loan guarantee program to further facilitate deployment of infrastructure necessary for the national development of innovative technologies identified in the Section 1703 underlying statute. My near-term concern is to enable vital CO2 pipelines to encourage reuse (especially enhanced oil recovery), storage, or sequestration; however, I would also welcome your team's suggestions on broader infrastructure investment.
- Reforming authorities to boost support of small entrepreneurial companies, such as by allowing a portfolio approach to risk management. As we have discussed on previous occasions, entrepreneurs are the engine of new job creation and they face a particularly high hurdle in attaining capital necessary to compete with long-established companies.
- Facilitating loan guarantees for advanced renewable fuels, which are distinguished from other technologies because they produce commodities not ordinarily sold on long-term contracts.
- Maximizing leverage of currently appropriated dollars, such as by transferring funds from direct loans in Section 136 to loan guarantee programs.
- Making credit subsidies refunded to the program, perhaps with interest.
- Other suggested improvements to the program.

I realize that these are complex issues. If possible, I would appreciate your team's preliminary suggestions on the first three points by May 12, 2011.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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May 10, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to express concern that the Department of Energy (DOE) plans to inform loan guarantee applicants that their loan applications will either (1) continue being processed or (2) be placed "on hold" later today.

I appreciate the need to focus DOE resources on completing as many loan reviews as possible between now and this program's September deadline. However, I request that DOE give each applicant an explanation as to why their specific project was place on the "hold" list. I also ask that applicants be given the opportunity to request reconsideration if their placement on the "hold" list was made based on inaccurate conclusions about the project's ability to close in a timely fashion.

I understand that DOE lacks sufficient funding to subsidize loans for all pending applicants, but I am very concerned that applicants – who have invested millions of dollars in private capital funding the DOE's review process – were not previously made aware that this week represented a major decision point for the loan guarantee program.

I ask that you take every step to assure that each applicant is given the opportunity to make the case for their project in a fair process at this stage.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

DF/mbn

Please look at this Steven!

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Congress of the United States

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs Office
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

May 13, 2011

Dear Mr. Silver,

We are contacting you concerning the application for a loan guarantee for the Heritage Garden Wind Farm I project, which was accepted into due diligence in April under DOE solicitation DE-FOA-0000140. We believe that the proposed project would be a good fit to the stated requirements and goals of the 1703 and 1705 loan guarantee programs, and we request your reconsideration of the recent decision to put a temporary hold on further consideration of this project.

Providing a loan guarantee for this 30 megawatt project would support the deployment of this innovative renewable energy technology. As proposed in the loan guarantee application, this project would allow the Northern Power Systems (NPS) 2.3 -megawatt wind turbine, designed and manufactured by NPS, to collect significant commercial runtime, which is essential to gaining access to commercial credit markets and would enable the market entry of a new U.S. based manufacturing company with job creation in Michigan, Vermont, and other states. Going forward with this project with the support of the Department of Energy would address the "valley of death" issue for an American wind energy company that is directly competing with European and Chinese entrants in the US and global markets.

It is our understanding that Northern Power and Heritage Sustainable Energy have proposed a project with all the essential elements in place to proceed within the construction timetable of the 1705 program provisions. The Garden I project is an innovative permanent magnet, direct-drive wind turbine which at 2.3 megawatts is the largest turbine of its kind now operating in North America. We understand that this technology, designed and manufactured in the United States, offers the potential for better production and reliability at a reduced energy cost compared to today's commercial wind technology. In addition, the project already has in place a signed 20-year power purchase and interconnection agreement, has completed environmental review and site wind resource analysis, and has construction contractors in place. In short, we understand that this project is ready to go, and has the necessary agreements in place to provide assurance that the project is low risk.

Most critically, at a time when President Obama is rightly focused on creating jobs in the clean energy sector, this project will result in creation of more than 300 direct and indirect jobs in manufacturing, construction, and operations, and over the long-term, is a strategic investment in American manufacturing and clean energy that offers benefits well beyond this particular project. Finally, the loan guarantee request for this project seems modest in scale compared to other projects under consideration.

For all of these reasons, we respectfully request that you reconsider your decision to place the Garden I loan guarantee application on hold, and ask that you make every effort possible to move this project forward either under the existing 1705 funding, or through the process by which the additional $170 million appropriated credit subsidy will be utilized.

Thank you for your consideration.

CARL LEVIN
United States Senator

DEBBIE STABENOW
United States Senator

DALE KILDEE
United States Representative

PATRICK LEAHY
United States Senator

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United States Senator

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Thursday, May 19, 2011

Jacob Lew
Director
The Office of Management and Budget
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Jonathan Silver
Executive Director
Loan Programs
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Lew and Mr. Silver:

I am writing concerning an important energy initiative of significance to our nation's energy renewable energy resources, the North West Florida Renewable Energy Center (NWFREC). This environmentally beneficial technology effort has the capacity to commercialize a renewable, base-load electric power and advanced renewable fuels of critical importance to our nation.

It is my understanding that through some of the most advanced known gasification technologies, NWFREC will promote renewable energy resources through the utilization of wood, forest residue and fast-growing grasses to create hydrogen using a gasification system to turn turbines to supply electricity. This renewable energy project is also vitally important to stimulate the economy of North West Florida by creating new jobs and investment.

It has been brought to my attention that the Department of Energy(DOE) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have placed a "hold" on the application for the North West Florida Renewable Energy Center, as submitted by Rentech, Inc., for the Section 1705 Loan Guarantee program.

The North West Florida Renewable Energy Center indicates that it has, "every chance of meeting the statutory deadlines," as prescribed by Congress when it created the 1705 loan guarantee program in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The company has committed to invest more than $65 million of equity in this project and has demonstrated a proven capability to raise substantial equity for its clean energy projects.

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For these reasons, I ask for your thorough and timely consideration of the NWFREC application in concert with all applicable statutory and regulatory guidelines and procedures. In addition, I urge continued communication with North West Florida Renewable Energy Center representatives to establish a clear pathway for moving forward. Your careful consideration regarding the NWFREC Project within the Department of Energy's Loan Guarantee Program is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Steve Southerland, II
Member of Congress

JOHN KERRY
MASSACHUSETTS

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2102

May 20, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in regards to a recent change to limit participation in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Section 1705 loan guarantee program. While I understand the challenges DOE faces due to limited federal appropriations and the program's deadline at the end of this fiscal year, I am concerned about the decision to put some projects on hold and I request the following additional information about this decision:

First, I ask that you provide a detailed explanation for how your agency decided to allocate the remaining funding available for this year. Specifically, what factors were considered in evaluating each project for the determination of whether projects could meet the September 30th deadline? I want to understand the process for making these decisions and be able to respond to my constituents who have invested thousands of hours and millions of dollars into this process only to be put on hold and unable to secure a 1705 loan guarantee this year.

Second, I request information on alternative opportunities for the projects put on hold. Are there other Department of Energy programs that can assist these projects and will they receive priority?

Third, in the event that the Department of Energy receives additional funding for Section 1705 loan guarantees, will the 1705 projects placed on hold have priority in accessing this funding? Similarly, if some of the projects chosen to move forward cannot meet the September 30th deadline, will you re-evaluate the projects placed on hold and allow some of them to move forward? If so, how will they be evaluated?

Fourth, the letter sent by DOE to the companies whose projects were placed on hold mentions that there is an additional $170 million of appropriated credit subsidy under the Section 1703 loan guarantee program. Will the projects on hold have to reapply for this funding? If so, will the process be expedited? And will they be given priority in accessing this funding?

Fifth, regarding the projects that received a letter indicating that the Department remains committed to moving forward on their 1705 loan guarantee, I ask on behalf of my constituents

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that you follow-through on this commitment. I urge you to do all that you can to assure their success in securing this guarantee.

Thank you in advance for your prompt response to this request.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry

HARRY REID
NEVADA

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MAJORITY LEADER

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

May 23, 2011

Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs Office
U.S. Department of Energy LP 10
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am writing today in regard to the letter you sent to U.S. Geothermal on May 10, 2011 announcing that their loan guarantee application for their San Emidio project was being put on hold. While I am sure that you had a number of hard choices to make while evaluating applications, I wish to share my thoughts with you about this decision and to convey my support for this project.

As you know, the application submitted by U.S. Geothermal was strengthened by the fact that it already had a power purchase agreement in place with a utility and the site was fully permitted. I understand that during recent meetings between the Department of Energy, U.S. Geothermal, and the lender applicant that negotiations on the term sheet were nearly complete and satisfactory to all parties. This project would have also provided an important economic boost by employing over 100 individuals during construction and another dozen permanently in a region of Northern Nevada that has recently experienced economic hardship.

Despite this setback, I still support the project and urge you to reconsider your decision. At minimum, I would strongly urge you to give their application every possible consideration should additional appropriations be made for the Section 1705 program or one of the currently selected 1705 projects fall out of consideration. I trust that because of the small cost of the project that should one or more of the currently selected projects fall out of consideration that enough credit subsidy would be available to move forward with their application expeditiously in order to meet the program deadline.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ryan Mulvenon or Chris Miller of my staff at (202) 224-3542.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
Majority Leader

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May 25, 2011

Jonathan Silver
Executive Director Loan Programs
U.S. Department of Energy LP-10
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Silver:

We write today in regard to the Section 1705 loan guarantee for U.S. Geothermal's San Emidio project in Nevada. U.S. Geothermal, an Idaho based company, has made great progress in bringing this important geothermal project on line, and the loan guarantee is a critical component of its long term financing.

We understand that the project is fully permitted with county, state and federal permits. As you know, the Section 1705 program was intended to benefit "shovel ready" ventures, and the San Emidio project has been under construction since August 2010. Additionally, the project utilizes an existing line, providing transmission for the historic geothermal power plant. Further, a small generator interconnection agreement and a power purchase agreement are already signed with Sierra Pacific Power Company. Lastly, John Hancock is in final due diligence to make the long term loan for the project.

The only element of this project that is not fully advanced is the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) credit approval process. U.S. Geothermal and the lead lender, John Hancock, agree that the project is in a position to enter the DOE credit approval process in the next few weeks and are confident that the loan can close in July, well before the September 30 deadline.

We ask that you take the advanced status of this specific project into account and reevaluate the "on hold" determination of U.S. Geothermal's application for the Section 1705 program. This project easily satisfies DOE's "readiness" test, and to deny the loan guarantee at this final step would be contrary to the program's original intent.

Sincerely,

MIKE CRAPO
United States Senator

JAMES E. RISCH
United States Senator

MIKE SIMPSON
Member of Congress

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May 26, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Chu:

We write to reiterate our support for the Part 2 loan guarantee application submitted to DOE by International Isotopes Inc for its proposed uranium de-conversion and fluorine extraction facility.

International Isotopes Inc. (INIS), which is headquartered in Idaho Falls, ID, plans to construct an innovative facility that will remove the fluorine from depleted uranium generated by the enrichment process, and convert it to valuable industrial gases used in the semiconductor and solar panel manufacturing industries.

The INIS fluorine extraction process is highly energy efficient in comparison to current production techniques. It would also help reduce our reliance on fluorspar imports from China, and create as many as 300 full-time-equivalent jobs in both its Idaho headquarters and the facility's location in Hobbs, New Mexico.

We would also note the relevance of the INIS facility to Areva's Eagle Rock uranium enrichment plant. As you know, Eagle Rock was recently awarded a conditional loan guarantee by DOE. The facility will generate significant quantities of depleted uranium which will require de-conversion before ultimate disposal. While DOE has constructed facilities to de-convert its own depleted uranium stockpiles, it will be at least 20-25 years before they can accept tailings from commercial enrichment centers. Thus, Areva would benefit greatly from access to timely de-conversion services that the INIS facility would provide.

Clearly, the INIS facility presents a unique opportunity to both achieve significant energy efficiencies and fill a critical gap in the front end of the nuclear fuel cycle. Thus, we believe it is an excellent candidate for a DOE loan guarantee

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,

MIKE CRAPO
United States Senator

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United States Senator

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Member of Congress

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May 27, 2011

Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs Office
U.S. Department of Energy LP 10
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: United States Department of Energy ("DOE") Loan Guarantee for OFC 2 LLC

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am writing to express my strong support for the DOE's offer to provide a loan guarantee (the "DOE Guarantee") to OFC 2 LLC relating to the loan application by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (the "Lender Applicant") with respect to the geothermal power project (the "Project") sponsored by Ormat Nevada Inc. ("Ormat"). I strongly support these projects and the jobs they will create in Nevada and urge you to finalize the DOE Guarantee as soon as feasible.

The Project is comprised of three separate geothermal power facilities in Nevada known as the Jersey Valley, Tuscarora and McGinness Hills facilities. Upon completion, these facilities will generate approximately 120 megawatts of clean renewable electricity and help Nevada meet its statutory renewable energy portfolio requirements. The completion of this Project would be a signature achievement in Nevada's development of its clean energy potential and help to diversify the portfolio of projects approved by this critical program.

During construction, the Project will create more than 360 construction jobs in Nevada. Over the operating lifetime of the plants, the Project will employ at least 25 employees in Elko, Lander and Pershing counties and generate state and local tax revenues exceeding $40 million. In addition, all appropriate National Environmental Policy Act reviews are expected to be completed in time to allow the DOE Guarantee to be issued in advance of the statutory deadline.

I also understand that discussions between Ormat, the DOE and the Lender-Applicant have concluded in a detailed term sheet reflecting a tightly structured financing with strong sponsor equity support. I strongly believe that all of these factors make this Project an excellent choice for DOE's support through the issuance of the DOE Guarantee.

I hope you will join me in supporting the project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ryan Mulvenon or Chris Miller of my staff at (202) 224-3542.

Sincerely,

Harry Reid

HARRY REID
Majority Leader

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May 31, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Executive Director, Loan Programs Office
U.S. Department of Energy LP 10
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

It has come to my attention that Ormat Technologies, Inc. has applied to the Department of Energy (DOE)'s Loan Guarantee Program and I am writing in support of their application.

Ormat's project is comprised of three separate geothermal power facilities in Nevada known as the Jersey Valley, Tuscarora and McGinness Hills facilities. This project will generate approximately 120MW of clean renewable electricity upon completion – helping Nevada meet its statutory renewable energy portfolio requirements.

This project will diversify Nevada's economy by creating green jobs, resulting in the generation of clean electricity that is uniquely suited and beneficial to our region. During construction, this project will create more than 360 construction jobs in Nevada. Over the operating lifetime of the plants, these power facilities will employ at least 25 employees in Elko, Lander and Pershing counties and generate state and local tax revenues exceeding $40 million. Nevada's difficult economic climate makes this loan guarantee critical to the success of the project.

I encourage support of these efforts by Ormat Technologies, Inc. through your loan guarantee program consistent with relevant rules, regulations, and procedures. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Shelley Berkley

SHELLEY BERKLEY
Member of Congress

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Comments:

I would greatly appreciate it if you could review this matter and provide a response. Please address your response to Senator Marco Rubio c/o Zach Zampella at 201 S. Orange Ave., Suite 350, Orlando, FL 32801.

Best Regards,

Zach Zampella
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June 1, 2011

The Honorable Jacob Lew
Director, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Director Lew and Secretary Chu:

As members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, we are concerned over the United States' ability to maintain a reliable source of domestic enriched uranium for our nuclear power industry. Currently, you have an application from USEC for a $2 billion loan guarantee to enable the world's most advanced uranium enrichment facility, the American Centrifuge Plant, to be built in Piketon, Ohio. The application has been pending for nearly three years, but recently has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a credit subsidy cost determination. We believe now is the time to expedite this process so that the Department of Energy can move ahead with a Conditional Commitment for this vital program.

Our top priority is to ensure energy security for our nation and to break free from reliance on foreign nations for our energy needs. American Centrifuge will assure a reliable source of domestic fuel for decades to come, all using U.S. designed and manufactured technology. American Centrifuge will support our national security requirements regarding maintenance of our nuclear arsenal. Further, the project will create over 8,000 quality jobs in the U.S., as the machines will be manufactured domestically, using technology that originated at the Department of Energy and was improved at research facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In addition, the significant environmental benefits from reducing carbon emissions by 10,000,000 tons a year and the $100 million in royalties the U.S. Treasury will receive make a compelling case to move forward quickly with approving this loan guarantee.

We also ask OMB to consider the numerous national security benefits of the project, and the 8,000 jobs created by it, when setting a credit subsidy fee. We request that you not become bogged down by excessive bureaucracy and balance the numerous benefits derived from the centrifuge project with its relatively low risk while considering

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USEC's application. We ask you to follow the letter and the spirit of Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and are confident that in doing so, American Centrifuge will be a great success for the nation.

We look forward to hearing from you on this issue and to a successful conclusion of this loan guarantee process. It is imperative that this application move forward now. We are committed to working with OMB and the Department of Energy in support of the American Centrifuge and thank you for your close, personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Robert Latta
Member of Congress

Representative Joe Pitts
Member of Congress

Representative Tim Murphy
Member of Congress

Representative Charles Bass
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Representative David McKinley
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June 8, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Steven,

I am pleased to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan application being submitted by Bright Automotive.

Bright Automotive is partnering with General Motors to encourage the transition of the automotive industry to electrification through advanced technology and innovation. They will use this funding to quickly bring to market a fuel efficient and affordable plug-in hybrid electric commercial vehicle. This vehicle will create jobs and reduce oil consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs.

Michigan is well positioned to develop the technology that will enable us to achieve energy security and economic revitalization through a low carbon economy. We have the infrastructure and resources to manufacture hybrid electric vehicles and I am pleased that Michigan companies, like Bright Automotive, are stepping up to be at the cutting edge of this technology. The green jobs that will be created are critical to the economic recovery of Michigan and our country.

I know Bright Automotive is committed to improving vehicle efficiency through advanced technologies. I hope you will give their application strong consideration.

Sincerely,

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Debbie Stabenow
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Congress of the United States
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June 13, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

We have been working with state, local and federal personnel to help Carbon Motors Corporation bring 1,500 jobs to Indiana by producing the world's first and only purpose-built law enforcement patrol vehicle. This process has been ongoing for nearly 2 years and we eagerly await final approval of the loan from the U.S. Department of Energy Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) direct loan program.

The Indiana congressional delegation has been informed that Carbon Motors has completed the term sheet process and been told that they will soon receive a draft of the final approval documents.

The Carbon E7 law enforcement patrol vehicle will provide our nation's 840,000 first responders with a vehicle that is dedicated to helping them protect our country. This vehicle also can help achieve significant energy savings and have a positive impact on the environment since it will be powered by a more efficient diesel engine rather than a conventional gasoline engine.

We respectfully request your direct and immediate attention to this application. It is our belief that Carbon Motors has reached this stage on its own merit; however, your assistance in expediting the final approval process will go a long way in ensuring Carbon Motors' future in Indiana. Please give all due consideration to Carbon Motors' application under the ATVM program.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 23, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing to express concern about the U.S. Department of Energy's lack of progress with regard to processing loan applications under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) direct loan program. Over two years ago, DOE received $7.5 billion in appropriated funds to support $25 billion in loans under the program. To date, the agency has committed only a fraction of that authorized amount, and only five applicants have received a loan. I believe the agency is capable of much better performance.

DOE has received many dozen qualified applications, including several strong applications from my home state of Indiana. Many of these applicants began the process over two years ago. Each of them has diligently complied with DOE's continuous stream of pre-conditions and additional requests required to finalize a deal. All along the way the agency has given them every reason to believe that their applications will be approved. Yet, month after month the companies have languished in perpetual uncertainty as the agency review process drags on without any clear timelines.

I respectfully request that you direct your immediate attention to approving ATVM loans and clearing the backlog of applications. These applicants are making large investments that involve sophisticated coordination and planning. They need clearer timelines and greater certainty. I encourage DOE to improve its processes and start approving qualified loans.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dan Coats
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July 7, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I write in support of an application by Chrysler Corporation for direct loans under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program, which was authorized by Congress under Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and funded with an appropriation of $7.5 billion to support up to $25 billion in loans.

Chrysler operates a state-of-the-art vehicle manufacturing facility in Toledo, Ohio in the Ninth Congressional District. In June of this year, Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne, Chrysler workers and I welcomed President Obama to the plant to celebrate the revival of the U.S. auto industry and the repayment of the loans that the Administration extended when Chrysler and the other U.S. automakers stood on the brink of collapse.

As the President said during his visit to Toledo, "we decided to do more than rescue this industry from a crisis. We decided to help it retool for a new age." Without question, the direct loans that are available through the ATVM program would enable Chrysler and its employees to move forward and more effectively meet those retooling challenges.

The ATVM loans would advance the goals of creating green jobs and making the American auto industry even more competitive in the global marketplace. They would enable Chrysler to re-equip and expand its manufacturing facilities to produce advanced technology components and vehicles. They would further enable Chrysler to create even greater synergies with its integrated operations, including the renowned Toledo Supplier Park, which has turned the supply chain into a strategic advantage.

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In short, the ATVM loans would help to ensure that Chrysler has the necessary resources, in the words of President Obama, to "out-build, out-innovate, and out-compete the rest of the world." It was just such a situation that I envisioned when voting for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

On behalf of the stakeholders in this American jobs success story—Chrysler, its suppliers, the United Auto Workers, local government, and the entire Toledo community—I urge that you look favorably upon the application by Chrysler Corporation for loans under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program so we can get about the business of winning the future for the American automobile industry, right here in Ohio.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respecfully,

Marcy Kaptur

MARCY KAPTUR
U.S. Representative

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 12, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to express our strong support for the SolarStrong project, a proposal submitted to the Department of Energy's Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee Program. This project would install solar photovoltaic panels on the rooftops of 160,000 military homes, many of them in the National Capital Region.

It is our understanding that this project will be submitted to interagency review following consideration by the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Office. We believe this project is worth strong consideration because, if approved, it would leverage private investment to meet our shared clean energy goals while providing as many as 18,500 jobs over the four year project rollout period. Further, it would also more than double the current number of U.S. homes with rooftop solar, representing the single largest expansion of residential rooftop solar in the U.S. while helping the Defense Department meet its renewable energy and security goals.

As you know, over 95 percent of DOD installations are grid-dependent, reliant on a single substation connection. It's a security risk that presents a major challenge for the DOD. Large scale installation of solar panels can mitigate these security risks.

Finally, we support SolarCity's commitment to hire and train U.S. military veterans and military family members to work on installing the panels. We have witnessed the success of veteran-oriented clean energy programs in our region and support efforts to build on their success.

In these challenging times, we will have to be creative to achieve our shared goal of promoting clean energy. SolarStrong represents an opportunity to make significant progress toward widespread use of solar power, and we appreciate your consideration of our support for it.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia

James P. Moran
Member of Congress
8th District, Virginia

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JO ANN EMERSON
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July 13, 2011

Jonathan Silver
Executive Director
U.S. Department of Energy
Loan Programs Office
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Washington DC, 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

An entrepreneur in my congressional district has contacted me concerning his experience trying to purchase lithium batteries for electric car conversion. He attempted to purchase this technology from domestic producers but has been refused service because he would be using it for custom vehicle conversion. Since he cannot purchase the battery in the United States, he has found a willing seller and is now reluctantly purchasing the product from a Chinese company.

My constituent has tried to purchase lithium batteries from companies that receive federal assistance through the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program. Do eligibility requirements for the ATVM Loan Program provide a disincentive for loan recipients to sell to entrepreneurs who might be considered hobbyists or who use the batteries for purposes of custom vehicle conversions? One eligibility requirement listed by the Department of Energy for the ATVM projects reads "The ATVM loan can only be used to reimburse the applicant for (i) costs that are reasonably related to re-equipping, expanding or establishing a manufacturing facility in the United States or (ii) costs of engineering integration performed in the United States..."

As Congress is charged with spending decisions on renewable energy programs, I believe Members of Congress should be aware of how program requirements affect the sale and use of energy efficient products.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide. Please feel free to contact Adam Kingree in my office at 202-225-4404 if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

JO ANN EMERSON
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 26, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
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Dear President Obama:

We are writing to you to express our strong support for the SolarStrong project, a proposal submitted to the Department of Energy's Renewable Energy Loan Guarantee Program that would install solar photovoltaic panels on the rooftops of 160,000 military homes, many of them in our congressional districts.

It is our understanding that this project will be submitted to interagency review following substantial review by the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Office. We believe it is precisely this kind of innovative project which would meet many of our nation's clean energy goals. First, it would provide as many as 18,500 jobs over the five year project rollout period. Second, if approved, it will more than double the current number of U.S. homes with rooftop solar and represents the single largest expansion of residential rooftop solar in the U.S. Third, it will help the Defense Department meet its renewable energy and security goals.

Moreover, it is our understanding that the project's sponsor will seek to hire and train U.S. military veterans and military family members to work on installing the panels. And, as far as we know, there is no other project in the queue that would provide clean solar electricity for 130 military bases in 30 states.

Mr. President, most of us represent districts in which these bases are located and every one of us is convinced that moving this project forward will generate even greater investment in distributed solar electric generation. Finally, we believe that this is exactly the type of project that will help you achieve your clean technology goals which will help us win the future for this kind of technology.

Sincerely,

JAY INSLEE
Member of Congress

WALTER JONES
Member of Congress

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July 29, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

We are writing to ask for your help in completing the Department of Energy review process on the A123 Systems application for funding in the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program established in Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. We strongly support A123 Systems' application and value their contribution to the economy and jobs in both Massachusetts and Michigan.

The ATVM program sends an important signal to the market for continued expansion in the automotive and component manufacturing sectors for new advanced technology vehicles to lead in electric vehicle deployment.

Unfortunately, the process for review of loan applications under the ATVM program has been very slow, and A123 Systems is well into its third year of the review process on their $233 million loan application. While the company continues to wait on a conditional loan commitment, they are concerned the delay will threaten their business model and potentially put at risk both jobs already created and the new jobs anticipated at their facilities.

We have been assured by A123 that the loan conditions currently being discussed with the Department of Energy would greatly mitigate the financial risk to the federal government and that the funds would not be released until a series of financial metrics have been achieved.

Your time and attention to this important matter is greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you and assisting in any way possible to expedite this process that takes into consideration all applicable rules, regulations and laws.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry
United States Senator

Carl Levin
United States Senator

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August 2, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Director, Loan Guarantee Program
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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Silver:

Attached please find correspondence I received from [redacted] requesting my assistance. Because of the nature of the inquiry, it is being referred to you for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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August 2, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Silver
Director, Loan Guarantee Program
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Dear Mr. Silver:

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August 2, 2011

Mr. Jonathan Silver
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Dear Mr. Silver:

Attached please find correspondence I received from [redacted] requesting my assistance. Because of the nature of the inquiry, it is being referred to you for your consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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August 9, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for your efforts to accelerate the commercial deployment of advanced clean energy technologies and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. We are writing to reaffirm support for the application submitted under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program more than one year ago by CODA Automotive and to request you provide the loan office any and all resources necessary in order to expedite this application.

The purpose of the ATVM program is to provide loans for manufacturers and suppliers to retool factories to build high-fuel economy vehicles and to incorporate new technology into vehicles. The trend towards increased national fuel economy standards provides long-term certainty that a robust domestic market for advanced cars and batteries will exist. It is vital that we take action now to meet this demand with American-made products.

CODA is a U.S.-based company engaged in the design and production of all-electric, zero-emission automobiles. CODA, with its affiliate Lio Energy Systems, is requesting an ATVM loan to establish a lithium-ion cell and battery pack manufacturing facility in central Ohio. This advanced manufacturing facility would strengthen America's capacity to engineer and produce the advanced technology vehicles we need to transition to a clean energy economy and reduce our dependence on imported oil.

Ohio is rapidly becoming a national leader in clean energy component manufacturing for the auto industry. This CODA facility would help build the critical mass to make even more progress in the future. The batteries made in Columbus will allow CODA's electric cars to travel up to 150 miles – the distance from Washington, DC to Philadelphia – without recharging. This is a truly innovative feat in clean energy technology, and one in which both Ohio and the country can take pride.

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We appreciate your consideration of our request to provide the necessary resources to expedite CODA's application. We thank you for your continued work to ensure clean energy advancement in Ohio and across the United States.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 16, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your work and dedication to our nation's energy future and your stewardship of the Department of Energy's (DOE) workforce, laboratories, and facilities.

I appreciate your close attention to USEC, Inc.'s application for a loan guarantee and have enjoyed working with you closely on the project. As we have discussed many times, this project would not only provide the United States with a domestic source of enriched uranium for commercial and military purposes, it would put more than 8,000 people to work around the country in highly-skilled, high-wage jobs. The 4,000 people in Ohio who would work on the project would help restart our economy providing good-paying jobs in a region that continues to see higher unemployment rates than the rest of the nation.

USEC has improved both its project technology and finances and it continues to make progress with its loan guarantee application. These tremendous improvements are in large part due to DOE's commitment to the project and support that the Department has provided USEC. The DOE's direct technical and financial support to USEC in the fall of 2009 was instrumental in keeping the project moving forward. The progress made by this investment can be seen in the advancement of the application through the DOE and the Office of Management and Budget.

As you know, the technology is ready, while more work needs to be done on the loan guarantee application. We have come too far in developing this state of the art technology, for which our nation will rely on for decades, to turn back now. I ask that you continue to work with the company and find additional ways to support USEC financially and technically and to expedite a conditional loan guarantee.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

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September 16, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I understand that Elio Motors, Inc. has applied for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Elio Motors has informed me that it has developed a high-mileage, low-cost vehicle which will meet U.S. goals for safety, and support domestic manufacturing, as many parts will be produced here in the United States. The company has indicated that it hopes to locate a plant in Southeast Michigan.

I am pleased to hear that Elio Motors has plans to locate in Southeast Michigan and create jobs there, while helping to revive manufacturing in the U.S. by making an affordable vehicle. I hope that you will give its application full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl Levin

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October 12, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I write to strongly urge the Department of Energy's Loan Program to act immediately on the loan application of Sage Electrochromics, a Minnesota company. As you know, Sage produces an innovative window coating that can darken as temperatures rise to regulate building temperatures. Sage's innovative technology is exactly the type of project that the Loan Program should support.

Despite its merit, Sage's application has met with constant delays. Sage received a conditional commitment for its project back in March 2010. Since then, however, its application has not appeared to move forward. In August, the Loan Program told Sage that it was ready to submit Sage's application to the Department's Credit Committee. Since that time, the Loan Program has taken no action on Sage's application. According to Sage representatives, the Loan Program has not requested any additional documents or information for seven weeks now. This delay is entirely unacceptable.

I fully support the Loan Program's mission to make informed, cautious decisions on all loan guarantee applications to protect taxpayers from the risk of default. However, the program must not needlessly delay applications that have already been thoroughly vetted. Such delays hurt the businesses involved and hinder the government's efforts to create new high-tech American jobs. With unemployment in Minnesota at 7.2 percent and in the nation at 9.1 percent, our first priority has to be job creation. I request an update from you within the next week regarding the Loan Program's actions on Sage's application.

Sincerely,

Al Franken
United States Senator

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October 19, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I write you in support of Elio Motors' Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan request from the U.S. Department of Energy that was submitted earlier this year. Elio Motors has developed an economical vehicle with high fuel economy. At a time when gasoline prices are high, increasing the production of inexpensive, fuel efficient cars would reduce our dependence on foreign oil while providing a much needed reduction in expenses for our people.

Elio Motors has plans to manufacture this vehicle in my district in Southeast Michigan, providing needed jobs and energy savings. Awarding this company an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan would give a much needed infusion of capital to begin mass production of this cost-saving car. It would be extremely beneficial for my constituents, and I lend my support to Elio Motors with regards to this loan.

Giving constituents access to affordable, energy saving transportation is important and I will be happy to work with the Department to make this happen. If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member, Cameron McKenney at (313) 278-2936.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 2, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to express our desire to work with you toward the commercialization of the American Centrifuge and, in particular, to work with you on your proposal for an additional Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) program for the American Centrifuge as the proposed path forward to further reducing risk in order to obtain a loan guarantee and commercialize this critical U.S. technology.

We appreciate your commitment to the RD&D program and to the commercialization of the American Centrifuge. We continue to believe that a conditional commitment for a loan guarantee is the most logical path forward and should be linked to your RD&D proposal. However, we understand that the Administration is focused on putting the RD&D program in place as soon as possible.

Given the important benefits that commercialization of the American Centrifuge could provide to the nation, we are prepared to work with you and our colleagues in Congress to put your RD&D proposal in place. In that regard, it is essential that the Department provide Congress with more information, in writing, on the proposal. This additional information should include additional detail on the program and its milestones as well as information on how the Administration plans to pay for its share of the program, including the planned offsets for fiscal year 2012 and your plans for funding in fiscal year 2013. This information is critical in order to obtain Congressional support for the proposal and should be forthcoming as soon as possible.

In the meantime, as you know, notices have been sent to employees indicating that without action on the loan guarantee or other financial measures, hundreds of layoffs could occur starting this week. Because of inaction on the loan guarantee conditional commitment, the uncertain timing of the fiscal year 2012 appropriations process, and the need for more information on your RD&D proposal, we urge you to take action on the pending USEC to DOE title transfer of depleted uranium ("tails"). Your approval of this transfer will afford time needed to finalize the scope and allow us to fully understand the details of the proposed RD&D program. It will also give Congress and the Administration more time to work together on how to pay for the RD&D proposal. Taking this action, which we understand you can do administratively, is necessary now to fund the first phase of your proposed $300 million RD&D program and is a critical element to staying on the path of commercialization

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We are told the title transfer will release $44 million in USEC's cash deposits which USEC maintains as financial assurance for future disposition. Our understanding is disposition is already provided through DUF6 plants and that the pending title transfer has no budget impact.

In order for us to continue working with you on the loan guarantee and RD&D proposal, it is essential you move quickly on the pending title transfer before it is too late.

Since the House has already passed the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, it is especially critical that you work closely with our colleagues in the Senate as it considers its own spending bill in the coming weeks. Time is short, but it may be possible for some success in funding the RD&D proposal in the Senate bill if we can get more information and get it quickly.

Thank you for your interest and support of this important and innovative American-made technology. We look forward to working with you and President Obama to put the American Centrifuge on a path to commercialization.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 2, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your continued engagement and support of the American Centrifuge Project (ACP) and USEC, Inc.'s efforts to obtain a loan guarantee to make this critical technology possible. And thank you for continued commitment to the cleanup of the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Together, we have helped 2600 people find employment on the cleanup project building the future of the former site.

I appreciate your concerns with the loan guarantee application at this time and appreciate your continued dedication to its success. The recent "Cooperative Agreement" (CA) that proposes additional Research Development and Demonstration (RD&D) investment similar to other commitments made by the Department in 2009 is a positive step. Partnering with USEC and holding the ACP to strict milestones is a responsible path forward. While we continue to work together with the Congress and the Administration on funding the CA, I am concerned that there are additional resources at USEC's and DOE's disposal that can provide a valuable influx of capital. This funding can happen today and will allow the project to continue as Congress and the Administration work through the appropriations process.

I ask that you work with USEC to "collateralize" the uranium tails and allow this freed capital to be put to work on the RD&D. In order to protect DOE and taxpayer interests, DOE would not only take title of the depleted uranium hexafluoride, or DUF6, "tails", as it has done previously, but would also take possession of an equal value of USEC's low enriched uranium, or LEU. This would provide USEC with the much needed cash infusion at no exposure to taxpayers. The "collateralization" is consistent with US law and can be done very quickly between DOE and USEC.

If the Department and USEC believe that one train of centrifuges is needed to meet our national security needs and provide a path to commercialization, than surely the Department and company can commit to this proposal that funds the RD&D today and avoids any demobilization. This proposal does not amount to a handout and with "skin in the game", USEC will be held accountable for any loss to the taxpayer, should the ACP fail to meet the milestones in the CA.

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From our national defense to supplying nuclear reactors around the world, it is critical that the country that invented nuclear power maintains its leadership in nuclear energy with projects like the ACP. I ask that you work with me on implementing this plan as we work to create an ACP that benefits our entire country.

Thank you for your continued attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown

Thank you, Mr. Secretary

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United States Senate

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December 6, 2011

Mr. David G. Frantz
Acting Director
Loan Programs
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Frantz:

It is my understanding that Severstal Dearborn, LLC has received a conditional commitment from the Department of Energy for a $703 million loan. I write to encourage the Department to continue its consideration of the loan in a serious and timely manner.

Severstal North American employs approximately 2500 people directly in the United States and another 1000 through joint ventures in Michigan, West Virginia, and Mississippi.

Severstal's application qualified for Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing funding because their technology is critical for Advanced Technology Vehicle (ATV) manufacturers to meet future fuel efficiency goals targeted by the U.S. government. ATVs cannot attain future design requirements without the mass and weight reduction of advanced high strength steels.

I hope the Department will follow through with its loan guarantee to this company that has already produced thousands of jobs for Americans and plans to continue its commitment to new jobs in the United States.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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December 15, 2011

The Honorable Daniel Poneman
Deputy Secretary
United States Department of Energy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Poneman:

I write today in support of three Indiana companies with pending applications for loans or loan guarantees administered by the Department of Energy. Each of these companies has the potential to create much needed Hoosier jobs. Moreover, their commercial deployment of innovative technologies will help meet America's energy security needs.

Bright Automotive has developed an advanced fuel saving utility vehicle in Anderson, Indiana, and has purchase intent from American companies such as Duke Energy, Snap-on, Comcast, and FritoLay, and has working prototypes for military applications in the Department of Defense fleet. Bright plans to continue its engineering team in Anderson, Indiana, and would create 525 direct jobs at an AM General manufacturing facility in Mishawaka, Indiana, in addition to 2,200 jobs supported throughout the supply chain. Bright will have $260 million in private investment prior to any taxpayer loan funds. Bright Automotive filed its DOE application in December 2008 – three years ago.

Carbon Motors will produce a purpose-built law enforcement patrol vehicle that will improve fuel efficiency by 40%, thus saving communities money, and will provide added safety and functionality for America's law enforcement personnel. Carbon will assemble the vehicles in Connersville, Indiana, and plans to create 1,550 direct jobs, 350 construction jobs, 500 co-located supplier jobs, and 8,000 indirect jobs throughout the supply chain. Carbon already has received reservations for more than $1 billion in sales to 500+ law enforcement agencies. They have lined up more than $350 million in private sector investment to coincide with the ATVM loan of $330 million. Carbon Motors filed its DOE loan application in August 2009 – over two years ago.

Indiana Gasification in Rockport, Indiana, will pioneer conversion of coal to substitute natural gas at a planned $2 billion facility to be constructed in Rockport, Indiana. The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission has approved Indiana Gasification's contract for sale of more than 80% of the plant's output, completing its requirement for financial close. As part of this project, Indiana Gasification proposes to build a pipeline to carry its carbon dioxide output for productive use in oil production

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and industry. Indiana Gasification plans to utilize 3 to 3.7 million tons of coal per year, creating valuable economic growth from use of Indiana's abundant coal reserves. Indiana Gasification plans to create 200 direct jobs, 700 indirect jobs including in mining, and 3000 construction jobs. The Department of Energy began loan negotiations with Indiana Gasification in July 2009 – more than two years ago.

The Department of Energy must thoroughly vet all applicants to protect taxpayer interests, yet that does not obviate the DOE's responsibility to treat them fairly on their merits, provide a transparent procedure with defined benchmarks, and to not impose protracted delay. To varying degrees, each of these companies has spent years slogging through the Department of Energy's shifting timelines and opaque requirements. I appreciate improved efforts by your staff to work with these Hoosier businesses to bring their applications to a close.

According to information provided by each of these companies, they have completed their applications in full and met all requirements so far identified by the DOE. They, and the Hoosiers that stand to benefit from new job opportunities, now wait for the leaders of the Department of Energy to bring their applications to a final review and decision. I urge you to judge these applicants on their merits, and to do so without further delay.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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