Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

July 22, 2009

Matt Kelley
USA Today
1100 New York Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20005

Re: FOIA-2009-000243

Dear Mr. Kelley:

This is the final response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You asked for copies of all correspondence from January 1, 2009 to the present, to and from members of Congress or their staff, or committees or subcommittees of Congress mentioning, discussing or suggesting use of the funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5, commonly known as the economic stimulus.

A search was conducted of the Electronic Document Online Correspondence and Concurrence System of the Office of the Executive Secretariat. This system tracks all correspondence to and from the Offices of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretaries of Energy. The Office of the Executive Secretariat located twenty one documents responsive to your request. Those documents are included and described in the accompanying index.

You may challenge the adequacy of this search for responsive documents by submitting a written appeal to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1/L'Enfant Plaza Building, U. S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. You should submit the appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of this determination.

The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a Freedom of Information Act appeal is being made. The appeal must contain all the elements required by 10 C. F. R. § 1004.8 to the extent applicable. Judicial review will thereafter be available to you (1) in the District of Columbia, (2) in the district where you reside, (3) in the district where you have your principal place of business, or (4) in the district where the DOE records are located.

If you have further questions, please contact Cindy Luckett (202)586-0317. I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Matthews
Deputy Director
Office of the Executive Secretariat

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ES Control Number 2009-002950

1. Joint letter to Secretaries Steven Chu, Ken Salazar, Department of the Interior, Tom Vilsack, Department of Agriculture and Janet Napolitano, Department of Homeland Security from Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, Representatives Diana DeGette, John Slazar, Ed Perlmutter, Doug Lamborn, Betsy Markey, Jared Polis, and Mike Coffman, dated February 25, 2009, Subject: Urging the Department of Energy to consider applying some of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to address the serious wildfire in Colorado– 3 pages, *Release in its entirety*

    1a. DOE acknowledgement letter to Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, Representatives Diana DeGette, John Slazar, Ed Perlmutter, Doug Lamborn, Betsy Markey, Jared Polis, and Mike Coffman from Betty Nolan, Senior Advisor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, dated March 6, 2009 – 1 page, *Release in its entirety* (Identical letter sent to all the Senators)

    (No DOE response necessary; final response deferred to the Department of Agriculture)

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2. Fax to Secretary Chu from Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, dated March 3, 2009, Subject: Requesting information and guidance on how the state of Rhode Island can obtain funding made available in DOE accounts in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 3 pages, *Release in its entirety*

    2a. DOE response letter to Senator Whitehouse from Secretary Steven Chu, dated March 30, 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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3. Letter to Secretary Chu from Senator Sherrod Brown, dated March 3, 2009, Subject: Encourages the Department of Energy to utilize the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to complete the cleanup of the Mound site in Miamisburg, Ohio - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

3a. DOE response letter to Senator Sherrod Brown from Secretary Steven Chu, dated April 22, 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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4. Fax to Secretary Steven Chu from Chairwoman Nydia M Velazquez and Representative Ben Ray Lujan, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, dated March 5, 2009, Subject: Asking the Department of Energy to ensure that the community and Hispanic Serving Institutions are included in the funding by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and hope that the Secretary will meet to discuss a number of critical issues facing the Hispanic community – 2 pages, *Release in its entirety (No response necessary- handled by the Office of Scheduling and Advance)*

ES Control Number 2009-003945

5. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Representative Mary Bono Mack, dated February 17, 2009, Subject: Congratulating Secretary Chu on his appointment and thanking him for recent call regarding energy provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety (No response necessary- handled by the Office of Scheduling and Advance)*

ES Control Number 2009-004337

6. E-mail to Secretary Steven Chu from Representatives Jim Costa and Daniel Lungren, dated March 10, 2009, Subject: Expressing support for the Oxy-Fuel System Turbine Development Program, and ask that it be supported by $70 million in funding from the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to keep the program on a timely path to completion – 3 pages, *Release in its entirety*

   6a. DOE response letter to Representatives Jim Costa and Daniel Lungren from Victor Der, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, dated March 27, 2009 – 2 pages, *Release in its entirety* (Duplicate letters to both Representatives)

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7. Fax to Secretary Steven Chu from Representatives Don Young, Senators Mark Begich and Lisa Murkowski, dated March 13, 2009, Subject: Extending invitation to the Department for representative(s) to attend a grants symposium in Anchorage, Alaska on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 to educate and inform Alaskans about the funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

   7a. E-mail to Steve Linderberg from Howard Marks, dated April 21, 2009 discussing a representative from EE attended the symposium – 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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8. Fax to Secretary Chu from Senator Olympia Snowe, dated March 18, 2009, Subject: Expressing concern and asking small businesses be considered as recipients of the Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee program, in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

    8a. DOE response letter to Senator Snowe from Secretary Chu, dated April 28, 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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9. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Senator Harry Reid, Majority Leader, dated March 18, 2009, Subject: requests a DOE representative attend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act workshop to be held in Las Vegas, NV on April 16, 2009- 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

    9a. DOE response letter to Senator Harry Reid from Secretary Steven Chu, dated March 25, 2009 – 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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10. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Senators Ron Wyden, Patty Murray, Daniel Akaka, Olympia Snowe, Sheldon Whitehouse, Maria Cantwell, John Kerry, Robert Menendez, Bill Nelson, Jeff Merkley, Benjamin Cardin, and Mark Begich, dated March 20, 2009, Subject: Asking the Secretary to direct the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to provide $250 million out of the $2.5 billion appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to the Water Power R&D program to enhanced support of marine renewable technologies - 3 pages, *Release in its entirety*

    10a. DOE response letter to Senators Ron Wyden, Patty Murray, Daniel Akaka, Olympia Snowe, Sheldon Whitehouse, Maria Cantwell, John Kerry, Robert Menendez, Bill Nelson, Jeff Merkley, Benjamin Cardin, and Mark Begich from Secretary Chu, dated June 1, 2009 – 1 page, *Release in its entirety (Identical Letters sent to all the Senators)*

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11. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Representative Baron P. Hill, dated March 13, 2009, Subject: Writes concerning how states will disperse the weatherization funds recently appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

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12. Fax to Secretary Steven Chu from Representative James P. Moran, dated March 26, 2009, Subject: Encourage the Department of Energy to support the High Average Power Lasers and the Fusion Energy programs at the Naval Research Laboratory with existing discretionary funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

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13. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Senator Tom Harkin, dated March 24, 2009, Subject: Regarding the forthcoming regulations the Department of Energy will apply to the projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

    13a. DOE response letter to Senator Harkin from Ingrid Kolb, Office of Management, dated May 21, 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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14. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Senator Jon Tester, dated March 26, 2009, Subject: Urging the rapid completion of agency rules for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will allow access to funding for projects; also ask that the loan guarantee finance structures be flexible enough to act as a stimulus, while at the same time protecting taxpayers - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

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15. Fax to Steven Chu from Representative Joe Sestak, dated February 24, 2009, Subject: Request for DOE representation to attend and participate in summit regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) being held on March 27, 2009 at the Springield Country Club in Springfield, Delaware County, PA - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

15a. Correspondence Close Out (By meeting or Telephone), dated March 14, 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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16. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from David A. Efaw, dated March 2, 2009, Subject: Request for information regarding funding alternatives available for the R.E. Burger Electric Generating Plant as a result of the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

16a. Constituent letter to Senator Robert C. Byrd from David A. Efaw, West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, dated February 10, 2009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

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17. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Representatives James P. McGovern and Niki Tsongas, dated March 20, 2009, Subject: Supporting Evergreen Solar efforts to obtain a $50 million loan guarantee provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

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18. Fax to Secretary Steven Chu from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski on behalf of Jay L. Newcomb, President, County Council of Dorchester County, dated March 25, 2009, Subject: Requests clarification as to whether the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds could be used to upgrade the Mid Atlantic Power Pathway project from above-ground electrical lines to underground installation – 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

18a. Constituent letter to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski from Jay L. Newcomb, President, County Council of Dorchester County, dated March 6, 2009 - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

ES Control Number 2009-005502

19. Letter to Secretary Steven Chu from Congressman Kevin McCarthy on behalf of James Bush, Tri-Valley Corporation, dated March 11, 2009, Subject: Requests information about applying for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to assist with the full-scale deployment of a technology he has developed that converts waste rubber into petroleum compounds for enhanced oil recovery - 1 page, *Release in its entirety*

19a. Constituent letter to Congressman Kevin McCarthy from James Bush, Tri-Valley Corporation, dated February 19, 2009 - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety*

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ES Control Number 2009-005902

20. Courtesy Copy to EE/Steven Chalk of a letter from Representative Dan Boren to The Hon. Paul F. Prouty, Acting Administrator of GSA, dated March 23, 2009, Subject: Requesting a percentage of natural gas fueled vehicles in expediture plan for a portion of the Federal fleet by using $300 million in new funding authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 - 2 pages, *Release in its entirety (No response necessary)*

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21. Letter to OE/Patricia A. Hoffman from Representative Brett Guthrie, dated March 23, 2009, Subject: Regarding discussion on funding opportunities within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 1009 - 1 page, *Release in its entirety (No DOE response necessary)*

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 25, 2009

The Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
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Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

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

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretaries Salazar, Vilsack, Chu, and Napolitano:

We are writing to urge your agencies to do what they can to help us address the serious bark beetle infestation affecting our forests in Colorado—an infestation that impacts the state's economy, environment and water supplies. Two million acres of Colorado's high-elevation lodgepole pine forests are dead or dying. Municipal and county governments of the region and the state of Colorado are extremely concerned about the hazards of wildfire and falling trees to the health and safety of citizens, their homes and communities, vital public infrastructure such as power lines, and critical water supplies.

Now that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has been signed into law, we urge your agencies to seriously consider applying those funds to address the threats of wildfire and falling dead trees. In northern Colorado, the Forest Service alone has NEPA-ready projects valued at $57.4 million ready to go if and when money is made available through the ARRA. (Over ninety percent of the forests in northern Colorado are public lands, almost all managed by the U.S. Forest Service; The Bureau of Land Management and the National Park Service also manage some lands.) These projects will create jobs, produce renewable energy from the removal of insect-killed trees, and protect watersheds that provide water to ten states.

In the five-county epicenter of the dead and dying forests there are:

- 12 incorporated municipalities located within the forest and 11 more adjacent to the forest.
- 28 incorporated municipalities that derive their primary source of drinking water from creeks flowing through dead and dying forests.
- 2,000 miles of roadways—many of which would be needed in the event of an evacuation—that are in jeopardy due to dead standing trees in the right-of-way.
- 1,500 miles of recreational trails on three national forests that are in jeopardy of closure due to falling dead trees.
- 21,455 acres of national forest developed recreation sites that are in jeopardy of closure due to falling tree hazards.

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- World-class ski resorts that must cope with safety and aesthetic issues presented by dead trees on slopes.
- More than 2,000 miles of national forest grazing fences, which are the responsibility of the rancher permittee, that are in jeopardy due to falling trees.
- 52 emergency communications sites that are in jeopardy.
- 633 miles of electrical transmission lines at risk from falling trees and that will not withstand a wildfire.
- 1,314 miles of electrical distribution lines at risk from falling trees and that will not withstand a wildfire.

In addition, the Colorado River rises and flows through these forests, supplying the metropolitan areas of Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Southern California. Major electrical transmission lines that feed the Western Grid (which serves the entire western United States) run directly through the heart of these forests.

We, the members of Colorado's congressional delegation, strongly urge you to:

- Immediately assess the hazards posed to the resources managed by your departments by this critical situation.
- Meet with affected municipal and county governments and stakeholders to assess the threats posed by this critical situation to their citizens, public infrastructure and water supplies.
- Develop budget proposals to effectively mitigate the hazards posed.
- Develop priority action plans to expedite the hazard mitigation projects.
- Report the assessment, proposed budgets, and proposed action plans to the Governor of the State of Colorado and the Colorado Congressional delegation.
- Begin the implementation of the priority action plans within the current fiscal year.

Jobs created in the public and private sectors to respond to the enormous task of implementing hazard mitigation projects will provide significant stimulus to our state and national economy. We cannot overstate the threat to communities and our fellow Coloradans' way of life posed by these dead and dying federal forests. We urge you take decisive actions within your authorities to avert potential disaster.

Sincerely,

Mark Udall
U.S. Senator

Michael Bennet
U.S. Senator

Diana DeGette
U.S. Representative

John Salazar
U.S. Representative

Ed Perlmutter
U.S. Representative

Doug Lamborn
U.S. Representative

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U.S. Representative

Jared Polis
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Mike Coffman
U.S. Representative

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

March 6, 2009

The Honorable Mark Udall
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Udall:

Thank you for your February 25, 2009, letter that was received on February 26, 2009, requesting that funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act be used to address the bark beetle infestation affecting the state of Colorado's forests.

The Department is preparing a detailed response to your letter, and you will receive a complete response as soon as possible. However, if you have any questions in the interim, please call me at (202) 586-5450.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Nolan

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The Honorable Michael Bennet
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

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The Honorable Diana DeGette
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman DeGette:

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The Honorable Ed Perlmutter
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Perlmutter:

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The Honorable Betsy Markey
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Markey:

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The Honorable Mike Coffman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Coffman:

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The Honorable John Salazar
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Salazar:

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The Honorable Doug Lamborn
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Lamborn:

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March 6, 2009

The Honorable Jared Polis
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Polis:

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March 3, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu,

With President Obama's signing of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Federal government is poised to make an unprecedented new investment in clean energy and energy efficiency to help jumpstart American innovation, create new energy related jobs, and assist consumers across the country struggling to afford their energy related expenses. Rhode Island is one of the states hardest hit by the current economic downturn as unemployment steadily increases and the cost of living continues to rise. To help stem this tide, funds made available by the ARRA must flow to eligible recipients as soon as possible.

Given the amount of money involved and the speed with which it is needed, I appreciate that the Department of Energy faces a difficult task in ensuring that funds in the ARRA are distributed in a timely and transparent manner.

As you and your staff continue to refine the mechanisms for distributing ARRA funds, I would appreciate your providing guidance to me and my staff concerning these mechanisms, so that we may help state and local leaders do what they need to do to access these funds. I am specifically interested in learning more about how Rhode Islanders and other Americans can obtain funding that is made available in the following Department of Energy Accounts in the ARRA:

- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy ($16.8 billion)
- Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability ($4.5 billion)
- Fossil Energy Research and Development ($3.4 billion)
- Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup ($483 million)
- Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund ($390 million)
- Science ($1.6 billion)
- Advanced Research Projects Agency ($400 million)
- Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program ($6 billion)

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With respect to each of the accounts above, I would appreciate guidance on the following questions:

- What preliminary guidance can you provide at this time regarding the application process for non-formula funds?
- When do you anticipate providing final guidance to states as to the application for non-formula funds?
- How long does the Department anticipate it will take to review the applications and release the funds?
- What data will the Department require from the states in order to support the assurances required to qualify for available funds?

I would appreciate the opportunity for my staff to meet with your staff as soon as is convenient to discuss these and other issues. My Legislative Assistant for Energy, Brad Crowell, (224-2921, Brad_Crowell@whitehouse.senate.gov) is available at your staff's convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I wish you good luck in this endeavor. I stand ready to help you in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senator

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U.S. Senator for Rhode Island

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Message:

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

March 30, 2009

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Whitehouse:

Thank you for your March 3, 2009, letter expressing your interest in learning more about how Rhode Islanders and other Americans can obtain funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Implementation of the Recovery Act is one of the highest priorities for our Nation, the Obama Administration, and the Department of Energy. We are already hard at work on many fronts and the Department will do its part to distribute funds made available under the Recovery Act as quickly as possible, in accordance with all necessary statutes and with full transparency.

I encourage your constituents to monitor Departmental announcements under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act section of DOE's home page, located at www.energy.gov/recovery. They will find on the webpage an overview of where DOE funding is being allocated, Frequently Asked Questions, current Funding Opportunity Announcements related to the Recovery Act, estimates of jobs created and economic impacts, and other information. The web site will be updated frequently.

Meanwhile, if you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Betty Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 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 encourage the Department of Energy (DOE) to utilize the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to complete the cleanup of the Mound site in Miamisburg, Ohio. The Mound facility was closed in 1993 and since that time, the community has worked with DOE to complete the environmental remediation and to place it into productive reuse. The site's future reuse as a science, technology, and industrial park is pivotal to rebuilding Southwest Ohio's economy.

Upon completion of the Mound cleanup, the DOE Office of Environmental Management will transfer the site to the local community reuse organization, the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC). The MMCIC has invested more than $20 million dollars and manages the future reuse of the site. Today, Mound is home to 15 businesses employing over 300 people in areas that support emerging energy, advanced manufacturing, materials, and information systems markets. Only by completing the cleanup including additional funds for restoration can the site continue to recruit new economic development.

The MMCIC and the office of Environmental Management have been working on a plan to complete the remediation and restoration of the park using ARRA funds. Finishing this project now would not only benefit the local community, it would eliminate the federal costs associated with of long term monitoring of left over environmental waste. Environmental risk would also be reduced because the site sits on top of the "Buried Valley Aquifer," a sole source aquifer designated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

I wish to convey my full support for the completion of the Mound cleanup using ARRA funds. The Mound cleanup and restoration and the MMCIC reuse efforts represent a model project, one that puts people to work on shovel ready projects while setting the stage for long-term economic development.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

April 22, 2009

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

Thank you for your March 3, 2009, letter requesting the Department of Energy to utilize the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to complete the remediation of the Mound Operable Unit-1 (OU-1) Site.

The Department will continue to work cooperatively with the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC) and the regulators on the remediation of the OU-1 Site. The Department plans to provide $20M in ARRA funds to continue the remediation of the OU-1 Site to remove the current land use restriction and transfer the property to the MMCIC for reuse consistent with the industrial land use approved for the remainder of the Mound site. In addition, the Mound Site will receive $9.0M in fiscal year 2009 appropriated funds: $4.8M in Congressionally-directed funding for additional OU-1 remediation and $4.2M in requested surveillance and maintenance funding for OU-1 and the rest of the site. To date, the Department has successfully transferred 178 acres of the total 305 acres to MMCIC.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Betty A. Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

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Congressional Hispanic Caucus

United States Congress

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CHAIRWOMAN
NYDIA M. VELAZQUEZ
12TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

March 5, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chu:

On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), we congratulate you on your appointment and confirmation as Secretary of Energy. As you begin to tackle the myriad of responsibilities inherent in your new role and to formulate strategies to advance the Administration's goals for this agency, we hope that you will be able to engage with our members to discuss a number of critical and pressing issues facing the Hispanic community.

As you know, Hispanics are the fastest growing ethnic group in the U.S. As we transition toward a renewable energy based economy, it is critically important that the Latino community be included and our workforce is trained for green jobs. We are pleased President Barack Obama has made green jobs and energy research and development a priority, and we would like to ensure our community and Hispanic Serving Institution are included in the funding provided by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). In addition to our concerns regarding the ARRA, there are other issues of significance to the CHC – including improving air quality in Latino neighborhoods, outreach to the Latino community and the diversity of your Department.

While we understand the enormous demands on your schedule, we hope to meet with you soon to address these and other issues of concern to our community. Patricia Villarreal, CHC Executive Director, will be happy to work with your staff to arrange a meeting. She can be reached at (202) 225-2410 or via email at patricia.villarreal@mail.house.gov. Again, congratulations on your confirmation. We look forward to working with you and your team at the Department of Energy.

Sincerely,

Nydia M. Velázquez
Chair
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February 17, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to head the Department of Energy. You will be leading some of the brightest minds in technology development in our country, who will work in conjunction with private industry and American entrepreneurs to keep us on the leading edge of energy innovation. I write to thank you for your recent call, and I'm grateful you took the time to reach out to me regarding energy provisions in H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which President Obama signed today.

As Californians, we share the sincere interest in taking serious steps toward increasing the use of alternative and renewable energies. We can and should be on the forefront of providing the framework and incentives for our State's economy to move toward attracting more businesses that pursue cleaner, more efficient energy options that also remain affordable for millions of American families that are currently hurting.

Given your extensive research experience, our country is fortunate to have you as the Secretary of Energy. I look forward to meeting you in person and working together with you on the energy and environmental opportunities and challenges ahead. Finally, I'm hopeful you'll consider the invitation I extended to visit California's 45th Congressional District, which I'm proud to represent. It has within it extensive renewable energy potential that could provide a platform for the impressive technologies that we'll continue to support.

Sincerely,

Mary Bono Mack

MARY BONO MACK
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 10, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu:

We write today expressing our support for the Oxy-Fuel System Turbine Development Program (Program), and to ask for your support for $70 million in funding from the recently passed American Recovery & Reinvestment Act to keep the Program on a timely path to completion.

The area of oxy-fueled combustion holds great promise in capturing a higher percentage of carbon dioxide produced by electricity generation than pre or post combustion technologies, and offers a lower capital cost. As such, we feel this area of research needs more attention and funding.

The current phase II work of the Program is under way and can accept up to $70 million in funding immediately to advance this technology further and bring it to demonstration phase. It is estimated the funding would employ 100 people over a three year period and significantly advance a carbon-capture technology urgently needed to stem the flow of emissions from power plants. It is our understanding that Clean Energy Systems, Inc. and Siemens Power Generation (Partners) are willing and able to satisfy the requirements for cost-share funding as outlined in the cooperative agreements between the Partners and DOE, and these agreements can be amended to infuse additional funds into the Program within a matter of days. A breakdown of how the funds would be expended is attached.

Oxy-fueled turbine technology holds much promise as a zero emissions fossil fueled power plant. With lower capital costs than current coal technologies, and higher carbon dioxide capture, failure to fully fund such research is truly a mistake in U.S. Energy Policy.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and encourage your support of Program. We're happy to answer any questions you or your staff may have about this request.

Sincerely,

Jim Cole
Member of Congress

Daniel Lungren
Member of Congress

Cc: Victor Der, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy

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Funding Needs:

The table below provides a top level estimate of the funds needed to perform the tasks described above. The split between Siemens and CES is approximate. The figures shown include DOE and contractors' cost share.

Task	CES Funding Need	Siemens Funding Need	Simple Cycle Oxy-fuel Test Plant
First generation reheater development	$1.4M	--	--
Materials compatibility in steam/CO2	--	$1.4M	--
Second generation reheater development	$0.7M	--	--
SGT-900 design adaptation	$2.5M	$2.7M	--
Design reviews and long lead material ordering	--	$0.5M	--
HPT and LPT selection and performance study	--	$1.2M	--
Balance of plant study	--	$0.8M	--
SGT-900 procurement, disassembly and modification incl. reheaters	--	--	$14.0M
SGT-900 shipment, installation and testing***	--	--	$57.8M
Approximate Total	**$4.6M**	**$6.6M**	**$71.8M**

*** *includes cost of equipment such as generator, gearbox, HRSG, FWH, pumps, oxygen equipment etc. plus site construction & contingency*

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The Secretary

From: Murray, Jaclyn [Jaclyn.Murray@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2009 4:31 PM
To: The Secretary
Cc: Der, Victor; Nishioki, Scott
Subject: Oxy-Fuel System Turbine Development Program
Attachments: LTR -DOE re Oxy-Fuel System Turbine Devel.3.10.09.pdf

Secretary Chu:

Please find attached a letter which was sent today by Representatives Costa and Lungren regarding funding for the Oxy-Fuel System Turbine Development Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

Jaclyn Murray
Legislative Assistant
Congressman Jim Costa (CA-20)
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Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: (202) 225-3341

Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

March 27, 2009

The Honorable Jim Costa
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Costa:

Thank you for your letter of March 10, 2009, to Secretary Chu regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Department of Energy's (DOE) efforts to implement this historic legislation, which was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. We also appreciate your ideas and suggestions regarding support for oxy-fuel systems turbine development, which will receive careful consideration by DOE management.

Implementation of the Recovery Act is one of the highest priorities for our Nation, the Administration, and the DOE. We are already hard at work on many fronts and the Department will do its part to distribute funds made available under the Recovery Act as quickly as possible in accordance with all necessary statutes, regulations, and oversight.

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Sincerely,

Victor K. Der
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Fossil Energy

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Washington, DC 20585

March 27, 2009

The Honorable Daniel Lungren
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Lungren:

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Sincerely,

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 13, 2009

Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20585-0002

Dear Steven:

We want to extend an invitation to your agency to send a representative or representatives to attend a grants symposium we are hosting in Anchorage, Alaska on Tuesday April 14, 2009. The purpose of this event is to educate Alaskans on federal agencies' grant programs, particularly those that pertain to the unique needs of Alaskan communities and the requirements for eligibility.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Recovery Act includes billions of dollars for programs administered by federal agencies and we would like Alaskans to be informed about the funds that are available through these grant programs.

As a result of efforts to reduce the amount of congressionally directed spending items in annual appropriations bills, federal agencies will continue to receive an increased level of discretionary funds for grant projects. Consequently, we feel it is important our constituency be adequately informed about the federal grant programs already available and the proper steps to qualify for and obtain grant funds.

A number of federal agencies have been invited to the symposium and we hope each one will send representatives to host a booth, provide information for distribution, and be available to answer questions specific to the grant process for their respective agencies. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Materials for booth set-up, including tables, will be provided.

Please contact Peter Comstock, Senator Lisa Murkowski's Grant Coordinator at (202)224-9312 with questions and to confirm your attendance.

We appreciate your willingness to help us in our effort to spread the word about the many grant opportunities through the federal government.

Cordially,

Don Young
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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 4:04 PM
To: Lindenberg, Steve; Cox, Lorraine
Cc: Novitsky, Les; Brosnahan, Kevin
Subject: RE: Alaska Invitation for 4/14

Steve: Good going in ensuring DOE presence at this important forum. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) is ranking on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; therefore, it's important we respond to these Alaska requests. You also saved thousands of taxpayer dollars by using local assets.

Congratulations! Howard

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In response to a invitation to attend a Symposium discussing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in Anchorage, AK the DOE responded by calling Senator Murkowski's office as instructed. We spoke to Peter Comstock to arrange logistics in early April and on the 14th at the meeting Brian Hirsch of NREL represented EERE and Brent Sheets of the DOE Arctic Energy Office represented other offices of DOE. Brian presented an overview of the EERE efforts prepared by Kevin Brosnahan and both Brian and Brent were able to supply information and support to several constituents of the Alaska Congressional Delegation. All member of the Alaska Congressional Delegation were present and spoke at the Symposium.

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March 18, 2009

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

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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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

April 28, 2009

The Honorable Olympia Snowe
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Snowe:

Thank you for your March 18, 2009, letter regarding your support of small business applicants to the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program.

The cornerstone of any stable industrial sector is an assortment of small and medium-sized enterprises with diverse talents and resources. These businesses not only deliver innovation but also support larger infrastructure projects that outsource key services and manufacturing components to small businesses that provide efficiencies and the ability to adapt to changing needs. These facts hold particular relevance in the alternative energy sector, where innovation is essential. A robust alternative energy sector requires a healthy collection of small and medium size enterprises that inspire creativity and maintain the flexibility required to advance this emerging sector.

The Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program is committed to encouraging small businesses to apply for federal loan guarantees. For applicants requesting $25 million or less in loan guarantees under the 2008 solicitation, "Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies," the Department did not require a credit assessment from a rating agency. In addition, the solicitation fee schedule was structured to lessen the burden on small businesses that were interested in applying. As we move forward, the Loan Guarantee Program is continuing to explore options to support small businesses in future solicitations.

In February, I approved a series of reforms to the Loan Guarantee Program including streamlining and simplifying loan application forms and other paperwork. I expect that these improvements will reduce the size of applications from 500-1,000 pages, to about 50 pages. This will greatly benefit small business applicants.

Let me assure you that the Department is committed to support projects with new and innovative technologies that will help put Americans back to work and reduce our dependence on foreign oil by developing clean, renewable sources of energy.

If you have additional questions, please contact me or Ms. Betty A. Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

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March 18, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to you today regarding the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, P.L. No. 111-5). Many local governments, nonprofits, businesses, and individuals in Nevada are confused about what funding the act makes available and how to access it.

To help Nevadans better understand the programs included in the act, I am planning an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Workshop, to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 16, 2009. The event will include representatives from state and federal agencies to answer questions about what programs are available through the ARRA and how funds can be accessed as quickly as possible.

It is my hope that a member of your agency will be present at the event to provide details on your agency's ARRA programs. My grant specialist, Trey Reffett, can provide you or your staff with any additional information you may need about the workshop. He can be reached at (202) 224-4868. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Harry

HARRY REID
Majority Leader
United States Senate-Nevada

P.S. You are doing a terrific job.
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THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585

March 25, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 2009 regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Workshop that you will host in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 16, 2009. We appreciate the opportunity to communicate directly with your constituents about the many activities underway at the Department of Energy to implement this historic legislation, and we are pleased to accept your invitation.

We are working to identify the appropriate Department official to participate in the Workshop. We will be in contact with your staff in the days ahead to make the necessary arrangements.

Again, thank you for providing the Department of Energy the opportunity to participate in this important event. I look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 20, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu,

Congratulations on your confirmation as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy. We look forward to working with you to expand the promise of advanced technologies to meet our urgent energy, economic, environmental and national security needs.

The economic stimulus package calls for a significant investment in developing and deploying renewable energy technologies. In particular, the bill recognizes that the United States has significant ocean, marine and tidal energy resources. The measure provides additional resources to the Department for marine-renewable energy R&D.

Development of technologies to capture ocean and tidal energy resources can play a significant role in our nation's economic recovery and expand our renewable energy portfolio. According to the Electric Power Research Institute, ocean renewable energy in U.S. waters has the estimated potential to supply some 400 Terawatt hours of clean power annually, or roughly 10% of today's electrical demand. This is more than the electric generation currently delivered from all conventional hydropower in the U.S. today. Increasing the level of Federal support and implementing a viable long-term development program are critical if we are to access these abundant domestic energy resources.

We strongly urge you to direct the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to provide at least $250 million out of the $2.5 billion appropriated in HR.1 (the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), to the Water Power R&D program for enhanced support in the research, development, and demonstration of marine renewable technologies. We also recommend that DOE utilize the resources at its only marine sciences laboratory, and build upon and consider expanding the number of National Marine Energy Centers, to launch a comprehensive Marine Renewable Energy Conversion Device Verification Program to fund and facilitate the development, installation, and validation of marine-based projects while addressing critical issues related to energy resource evaluation and environmental monitoring in representative ocean energy ecosystems. The program would increase marine-based power experience and build and operate enough candidate devices to obtain statistically significant operating and maintenance data. These Centers would also provide developers with more accurate assessment of the energy resources and data required to understand costs associated with environmental monitoring. This effort would also enhance DOE's ability to obligate the increased level of funding in a timely fashion with clear results. These actions would accelerate the state of marine-based energy systems and lead to wide-scale production and commercialization of this technology.

We appreciate in advance your favorable response to our request and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator

Patty Murray
U.S. Senator

Daniel Akaka
U.S. Senator

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

June 1, 2009

The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for your March 20 and April 15, 2009, letters requesting that the Department of Energy (DOE) provide $250 million to support the research, development, and demonstration of marine renewable technologies and to launch a device verification program.

DOE believes strongly in investigating all potential sources of renewable energy, including marine and hydrokinetic resources and devices. The advanced water power program was first funded in FY 2008 at $9.7 million; in FY 2009, this budget increased 400 percent to $40 million. The Department's FY 2010 request for Water Power is $30 million. We believe this level of funding is adequate to continue developing, testing, and verifying advanced marine devices.

Last September, DOE launched two university-led National Marine Energy Centers. Part of the mission of these centers is to standardize verification and performance evaluation processes for advanced prototype marine energy devices and facilitate device commercialization. Additional awards were also given to specific companies and utilities so that they can thoroughly test and develop marine energy technology designs and launch demonstration projects.

We can assure you that DOE appreciates both the potential and the importance of marine renewable energy in the Nation's energy portfolio.

Thank you again for your letter and for your interest in renewable energy. If you need additional information, please contact me or Ms. Betty A. Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

June 1, 2009

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Sincerely,

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

June 1, 2009

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
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United States Senate
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mark Begich
United States Senate
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March 13, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to convey my concerns with regards to how states will disperse the weatherization funds recently appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). I believe that these funds will play a crucial role in expanding weatherization programs and aiding affected citizens across the country and the Ninth District of Indiana, which I represent.

As the funds are dispersed, I would encourage you to work with closely with states to ensure that the program achieves what it is meant to achieve. As you know, the wording in the ARRA suggests that states should provide a $6,500 per-home-average. It is important that the maximum amount allowed by the ARRA reach those constituents who are most need.

I also want to convey that our Community Action Programs already do a tremendous job in directly working with constituents to weatherize homes. While our nation is a critical juncture in its economic recovery, we do not have time to delay and reinvent weatherization program implementation and training.

I strongly encourage you to work very closely with state leaders to make sure that the intent of this legislation reaches its full capabilities. While our nation endures this economic downturn, it is paramount that every dollar spent at the federal level is used effectively and efficiently.

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Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any assistance to you in this process, do not hesitate to call me at 202-225-5315.

Sincerely,

Baron P. Hill
Member of Congress

Cc: Governor Mitch Daniels

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 23, 2009

The Honorable Baron P. Hill
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Hill:

Thank you for your March 13, 2009, letter to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regarding how States will disburse funds appropriated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). DOE is committed to expediting the release of these funds as outlined in the grant guidance issued to the states on March 9, 2009. DOE shares your belief that these funds will play a significant role in expanding existing weatherization programs across the country, including the district you represent in Indiana. Further, ARRA funds will provide increased employment opportunities for high-skilled labor jobs in Indiana as we strive to help provide a new green workforce for the nation.

Please be assured that we recognize the quality of services that the Community Action Programs in Indiana provide to their local communities. DOE has a strong history of working cooperatively with State leaders on weatherization and energy efficiency programs. We intend to continue to work in tandem with our State colleagues to ensure that the funds from the ARRA are spent wisely and expeditiously. While States have flexibility in implementing weatherization assistance, please be assured that we will closely examine the plans States submit to ensure full compliance with the requirements of the law.

DOE is ready to assist the State in the development and implementation of its training plan for weatherization. We are pleased that Indiana will host the Weatherization Assistance Program National Training Conference to be held in Indianapolis the week of July 20-23. This event, expected to attract over 1,500 attendees from the weatherization network, will serve to augment the training needs of local agencies in Indiana as well as many other programs across the nation.

Your inquiry about the extension of WAP under ARRA and ongoing support to promote energy efficiency is greatly appreciated. If you need additional information, please contact me or Ms. Betty A. Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

John M. Lushetsky
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing to encourage the Department of Energy to continue its commitment to the Inertial Fusion Technology Program, including funding for the High Average Power Lasers (HAPL) and the Fusion Energy (FE) program at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL).

Even though the Fiscal Year 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act (P.L. 111-8) made no mention of HAPL/FE program, the Department of Energy should support it with existing discretionary funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As you are aware, both this act and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 instruct the Department to develop fusion energy. The work performed at NRL's inertial confinement fusion facility has already advanced the science and technology of inertial fusion energy using KrF lasers. These scientific and technical achievements confirm the feasibility of developing net fusion power with less risk, less cost, and in less time than previously thought. Ending the inertial fusion energy work at NRL makes no sense. It would deprive the nation of the development of a viable approach to inertial fusion energy at time when cleaner, affordable, alternative sources of energy are one of this nation's highest priority.

As you know, the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E) supports "creative, out-of-the-box, transformational" energy research. The HAPL/FE program fits the criteria and has fostered a research partnership with high rewards that includes industries, national laboratories, and small businesses that none of the participants would have pursued on their own.

I look forward to your favorable response and look forward to supporting this program in future appropriations.

Sincerely,

Jim Moran

James P. Moran

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

June 8, 2009

The Honorable James P. Moran
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Moran:

Thank you for your March 26, 2009, letter to Secretary Chu regarding the status of the High Average Power Laser (HAPL) program and of the Naval Research Laboratory's (NRL) work with the Department of Energy. We realize that this program has been defunded in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget and that this loss of funding endangers the program and its research team at NRL.

Unfortunately, the Department is not in a position to assist in Fiscal Year 2009 or in Fiscal Year 2010, as that budget has already been submitted to Congress. Department staff is, however, examining whether we can effectively leverage the HAPL program's stranded capabilities in future budgets. Dr. Edmund Synakowski, the incoming Associate Director for Fusion Energy Sciences, Office of Science, and Dr. Chris Deeney, the Director of the Office of Defense Science, National Nuclear Security Administration, will lead these activities for the remainder of this calendar year. They will engage NRL scientists in whatever workshops are appropriate.

If you have further questions, please contact me or Ms. Betty A. Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

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March 24, 2009

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

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am writing in regards to the forthcoming regulations the Department of Energy will apply to the projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. I respectfully urge you to include provisions, which would help ensure the contracts awarded under the measure underscore the intentions of Congress and the Administration to put Americans to work in quality, good paying jobs.

With these goals in mind, I recommend that you encourage the hiring of contractors who have pre-apprenticeship and/or apprenticeship programs registered with the US Department of Labor. Additionally, I ask that local workers be given preference in hiring practices and that contractors be given preferential status if they comply with the Office of Federal Contractor Compliance, nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action requirements.

I appreciate your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Harkin
Senator

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

May 21, 2009

The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1502

Dear Senator Harkin:

Thank you for your March 24, 2009, letter to the Secretary of Energy encouraging the Department of Energy (DOE) to ensure contracts awarded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Act) underscore the intentions of Congress and the Administration to put Americans to work in quality, good paying jobs.

DOE is fully committed to supporting the goals and objectives of the Act and is taking necessary actions to ensure appropriate implementation and compliance with its requirements in the award and administration of contracts and financial assistance instruments. Soon after enactment of the Act, DOE developed and issued detailed instructions and guidance to the Department's acquisition workforce to ensure appropriate and consistent implementation. The Department is currently updating its *Acquisition and Financial Assistance Implementation Guide for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* to include guidance pertaining to the hiring and labor issues addressed in your letter. This supplemental guidance will also address existing Office of Federal Contract Compliance nondiscrimination and affirmative action requirements, as well as other labor-related anti-discrimination and equal opportunity statutes, regulations, and Executive Orders. Entities that are not in compliance with these requirements are ineligible for award.

If you have any further questions, you may contact me or have a member of your staff contact Ms. Kathy Peery, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Kolb
Director
Office of Management

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March 26, 2009

Secretary Steven Chu
United States Department of Energy
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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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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

May 27, 2009

The Honorable Jon Tester
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your March 26, 2009, letter regarding Department of Energy programs funded in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), specifically the Loan Guarantee Program as amended by section 406 of the Recovery Act. I apologize for our delay in responding, but I want to assure you that the Department is moving with a great sense of urgency to implement the funds provided by the Recovery Act.

The Department has as its highest priority the speedy implementation of all aspects of the Recovery Act in accordance with relevant statutory requirements. With regard to your request that the Department rapidly complete rules to implement the additional Energy Policy Act of 2005 Title XVII Loan Guarantee authority provided under the Recovery Act, if we determine that additional regulations are necessary you have my assurance that those regulations will be developed promptly.

As you stated in your letter, clean energy transmission has potential for job creation by encouraging development of projects that feed renewable energy into the system. Technologies that create efficiencies and innovations in our transmission system are encouraged in the Loan Guarantee Program. Our June 2008 solicitation, "Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Advanced Transmission and Distribution Technologies," specifically solicited projects in efficient electricity transmission, distribution and storage. The Recovery Act further authorizes DOE to provide loan guarantees for projects, including "electric power transmission systems, including upgrading and reconductoring projects."

Let me assure you that the Department is committed to support projects with new and innovative technologies that will help put Americans back to work and reduce our dependence on foreign oil by developing clean, renewable sources of energy.

If you have additional questions, please contact me or Ms. Betty A. Nolan, Senior Advisor, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

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Dear Secretary Chu,

The passage and implementation of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is a critical milestone for the 111th Congress and President Obama's Administration. Appropriately, very high expectations have been set, and I believe it is critical that the law be implemented quickly in an open and transparent process so that the American public can understand and see first-hand the benefits for them. This is a critical first step in restoring the necessary confidence to restart the economy. In 2007, I hosted my first ***Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Business Procurement Summit*** and over 400 men and women attended to learn more about the government business procurement process and interact with exhibitors from over 20 prime and 15 government contractors. For this year's event, I am expanding the scope to include a panel and information booths to explain the numerous aspects of the ARRA and how businesses, local governments and other organizations can access them.

To assist, I would appreciate if you and or an appropriate member of your organization would participate in the opening program of the summit and also to staff an information table and be able to give information regarding your organization's portion of ARRA and answer questions from participants. The event will be held March 27,2009 at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Delaware County, PA (suburban Philadelphia). The opening panel will follow my opening remarks at 8 AM and go until 9:30 AM. This will be followed by a panel of prime contractors. Dr. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy, who has advised Members of the House and Senate on the most effective actions to drive maximum economic stimulus impact, will be the lunch keynote speaker. We also have received preliminary acceptances from Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. to speak at the conclusion. The exhibition hall and space for constituent interaction relating to ARRA will open at 10:30 AM until 4:30 PM.

To confirm participation or if you have questions, please contact Bibiana Boerio, my Chief of Staff in Washington at 202-225-2011 (Bibiana.boerio@mail.house.gov), or Molly Abbott in my District Office at 610-892-8623 (molly.abbott@mail.house.gov). I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you or members of your organization on March 27th.

Warmly,

Joe Sestak

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Member of Congress

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REMARKS

James Ferguson, from NETL will be representing DOE at the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Business Procurement Summit in Springfield, PA on March 27th. The focus of the event is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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March 2, 2009

Ms. Lisa Epifani
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Dear Ms. Epifani:

Please see the enclosed correspondence from Mr. David A. Efaw, Secretary and Treasurer, West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO, requesting information about funding alternatives that might be available for the R. E. Burger Electric Generating Plant, as a result of the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

I would appreciate your looking into the matter, and providing me with comments that may serve as the basis for a reply to Mr. Efaw.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd

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February 10,2009

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd
United States Senate
3100 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Byrd:

I am writing to ask for your consideration and support to help the Belmont County, Ohio and neighboring West Virginia citizens keep the R.E. Burger Electric Generating Plant in operation

The Stimulus Package includes Renewable Energy Loan Guarantees and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Development funds. Within the package we would like to see a loan, not grant, was available to the R.E. Burger plant. Doing so would save 100 jobs at the plant, hundreds more for contract maintenance and suppliers and millions of dollars in taxes and wages paid in the community.

They don't need, and are not asking for, a grant, they simply need financing to make required environmental upgrades.

Like too many other businesses across America, this plant, which contributes to the community in many ways, is facing a financial crisis. The Fiscal Stimulus package you are working on right now could be an important part of the solution to preserving this plant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

David A. Efaw
Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Tom Gray, Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades Council

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Congress of the United States
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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,

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March 25, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Chu:

I am forwarding a letter from Mr. Jay L. Newcomb, President of the Dorchester County Council. The Council is requesting clarification as to whether ARRA funds could be used to upgrade the Mid Atlantic Power Pathway project from above-ground electrical lines to underground installation.

I would appreciate your comments on this issue. Please respond directly to Mr. Newcomb, and send a copy of your response to my Projects Director, Ms. Valerie Twanmoh in my Baltimore office, at the above address.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Mikulski

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From: Valene Twanmoh, Projects Director

Subject: Dorchester County Council Inquiry

Please call if you have questions. Hard copy was mailed.
Thank you!

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March 6, 2009

Senator Barbara Mikulski
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Dear Senator Mikulski:

I am writing on behalf of the Dorchester County Council in regards to the federal economic recovery package and the possible allocation of stimulus money to assist in improving the distribution of electricity through Dorchester County. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 recently signed into law by President Barack Obama provides funding for electricity delivery and energy reliability including "expenses necessary for electricity delivery and energy reliability activities to modernize the electric grid, to include demand responsible equipment, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure."

As you are aware, the Council unanimously opposes the Mid Atlantic Power Pathway project as designed. In June 2008 the Council wrote a letter to Mr. Thomas H. Graham, Regional President for Pepco Holdings, Inc., expressing concerns about the placement of the high voltage transmissions lines and urging that any lines to be installed be placed underground whenever possible to diminish the impact on the County's landscape and private property.

Additionally, during its February 3, 2009 informational forum held at Cambridge South Dorchester High School an overwhelming number of residents expressed concern about the installation of the line above ground. That meeting was attended by more than 800 residents with only one individual, a non-Dorchester County resident, indicating support for the project. During the meeting and in subsequent correspondence both the County Council and many local citizens requested clarification as to costs for underground installation of the proposed line, particularly with regard to environmental and economic impacts on the County. The

environmental impacts to the County include the fragmentation of forest land, loss of productive crop land and the potential for harm to tidal and non-tidal wetlands.

Furthermore, the above ground line may interfere with the County-wide public safety communications systems. Historically, the integrity of this system has been jeopardized by such high tension lines and has affected not only our radio systems but paging and sirens systems as well. Placement of the line underground will provide a more secure way to deliver power and will benefit the County's public safety communication systems and the health and welfare of County residents. To date William Gausman, Senior Vice President of Pepco Holdings, Inc. advised that the cost to install the lines underground was substantially higher than the cost to install the lines above ground but has provided no specifics.

While the Council acknowledges that there is a need for increased electrical reliability throughout Dorchester County, the Council is opposed to the Mid Atlantic Power Pathway project as presently proposed with respect to the approximately 27 mile above ground stretch through Dorchester County. The Council respectively requests your assistance in obtaining clarification as to whether or not federal stimulus funds could be used towards the installation of the Mid Atlantic Power Pathway project power lines underground through Dorchester County.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact the Council's Office at (410) 228-1700.

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL

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March 11, 2009

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

Dear Dr. Chu:

Enclosed is a letter from one of my constituents, Mr. James Bush with Tri-Valley Corporation, requesting information about applying for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to assist with the full-scale deployment of a technology he has developed that converts waste rubber into petroleum compounds for enhanced oil recovery. I respectfully request that you ensure the appropriate individual in the Department of Energy reviews Mr. Bush's letter and responds directly to him. Please send a copy of your response to my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy

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Member of Congress

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February 19, 2009

Congressman Kevin McCarthy
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Dear Congressman McCarthy:

Tri-Valley Corporation (Bakersfield, CA) has initiated teaming discussions with other parties, principally PlusOil LLC, on deploying a mature, well established technology for thermally converting waste rubber items (presently designed for tires) into their original petroleum compounds and using those petroleum compounds for enhanced oil recovery. To avoid any confusion, *this process DOES NOT BURN TIRES;* rather it converts them, with no combustion and none of the associated fumes, to petroleum compounds and raw carbon. We are seeking federal funds, in the range of four and one half to five and one half million dollars, for more rapid full-scale deployment of this business. We are asking for your assistance and/or guidance on how we might best pursue such funds, so we might expedite deployment of this business in the Kern County California area, an area suffering from the decline in credit and housing markets.

Fit to Federal Funding

We believe this technology aligns well with several categories slated for funding in the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" including but not limited to: 1) Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Research Development, Demonstration & Deployment (energy efficiency demonstrations for industrial and commercial practices); and 2) Fossil Energy (demonstration of carbon capture and sequestration [CCS] technology demonstration projects to reduce CO2 emissions from industrial facilities).

Information on the Business

Tri-Valley provides the coupling with the oil business, and PlusOil provides the basic technology. The overall process is carbon positive, earning carbon credits as it operates. These facilities will operate *"net energy positive and self-reliant"*, in that this process generates more clean, green energy (including a fuel gas that is 10% hydrogen) from waste tires than is required to run the process.

Job Creation. Assuming this first project proves to be profitable, the business would be deployed nationally through conventional financing methods. At 16 workers per full scale system, and around 10 to 20 facilities (say fifteen) per relevant state (say twenty five), that equates to 16 jobs per facility X 15 facilities per state X 25 states, equals 6000 jobs for a 4.5 million dollar investment. That amounts to $750 federal dollars spent per job created, and there will likely be more states and more (and different size) facilities.

Facility Size. One small 2-retort processing facility should be able to process approximately 500,000 tires per year; a 6-retort facility should be able to process 1.4 million tires per year. Currently the US stockpiles approximately 300 million tires each year, many of which, either accidentally or intentionally, are burned releasing CO_2 to the atmosphere. There is adequate tire supply for many and larger processing facilities. In addition there is at least one incorporated technology (a comminution, i.e. crushing, technology, which operates at 1/5 the energy cost of conventional impact milling) whose field of use may be expanded to other venues, but the initial focus is pyrolysis of tires coupled with enhanced recovery of heavy oil.

Safety. The technology is safe, involving only moderately high temperature pyrolysis in modified traditional autoclaves or retorts. There is no high pressure.

Maturity. The science is very traditional and reliable, but the application is innovative. The technology was developed by The Atomic Energy Authority of UK and operated under the auspices of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, in England, for 4 years. It is our intent to go directly to full scale design and economic analysis, and after peer review, build and operate at full scale.

Reduction of Reliance on Foreign Oil. This technology will not only reduce reliance on imported oil, but will also improve the recovery of unconventional oil in the United States. A key restriction to the development of heavy oil is satisfying the need for diluent (i.e. the light weight, low viscosity, high API gravity oil needed to mobilize heavy oil during its production and transport). This technology produces a high gravity petroleum mixture that contains a high percentage of aromatic compounds that serve excellently as solvents and diluent. It also can be used to remove paraffin buildup in pipelines and other transport systems.

Environmental Enhancement. This technology will reduce carbon emissions, and will generate carbon credits while enhancing extraction of heavy oil from the subsurface. A key product is solid carbon which can be recycled into new tires, plastics, color concentrates and activated carbon, creating a renewable component of the process and a net reduction in carbon emissions.

Technology Roots. This technology was developed in, and has been imported from, England, and has been further developed in the US; all relevant patent and deployment rights are held in the United States by PlusOil.

Other Synergies. *Solid Waste Reduction.* Deployment of this technology will remove millions of persistent waste rubber tires from the environment in a carbon credit generating method. *Human Health.* Deployment will decrease mosquito breeding grounds and associated diseases. *Real Estate Capital.* Deployment will open up real estate for higher and better use. *Spin-off technologies.* This process employs an innovative comminution technology that can benefit, and be outsourced to, other industries. Tri-Valley can assist directly in this expansion of the business. *Renewable Energy Credits.* Because this process reduces the consumption of fossil fuel derived energy needed to create rubber tires, this technology will be eligible for renewable energy credits.

I deeply appreciate your interest and time.

Sincerely,

James G. Bush
For Tri-Valley Corporation and PlusOil

cc: Roger Sramek, Plus Oil

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 22, 2009

Mr. James Bush
Tri-Valley Corporation
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Dear Mr. Bush:

This is in response to a letter we received from U.S. Representative Kevin McCarthy, dated March 11, 2009, requesting the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to respond directly to you with information on funding opportunities through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (Recovery Act) for your technology that converts waste rubber into petroleum compounds for enhanced oil recovery.

Signed by the President Obama on February 17, 2009, the Recovery Act seeks to strengthen the U.S. economy through the creation of new jobs, aiding State and local Governments with budget shortfalls, and investing in the long-term health of the Nation's economic prosperity. Under the Recovery Act, DOE will receive funding for various energy, environmental, and science programs and initiatives.

In response to the Recovery Act, DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) – the Office of Fossil Energy's (FE's) project implementation and management Laboratory – will be issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the capture and storage of the carbon dioxide emissions from industrial sources. This FOA may be of interest to you. Access to this upcoming solicitation, and others issued by NETL in support of the Office's of Electricity and Delivery and Energy Reliability and Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, can be found on NETL's website: http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations/index.html.

You are encouraged to continually review NETL's website for other opportunities that may be of interest. In addition, DOE's "e-center website" (http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov/) contains information on doing business with the Department of Energy. The website provides current business opportunities, a location for registering to submit proposals, and information and guidance on the acquisition and financial assistance award process that you should find useful.

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Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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March 23,2009

The Hon. Paul F. Prouty
Acting Administrator
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Dear Administrator Prouty:

I am writing to request that the GSA include a significant percentage of natural gas fueled vehicles in its forthcoming expenditure plan for replacing a portion of the Federal fleet by using the $300 million in new funding authorized by Title V of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). As explained below, I believe the procurement of natural gas fueled vehicles is entirely consistent with the ARRA and will help to advance Title V's stated intent of increasing the Federal fleet's energy efficiency while also reducing fleet emissions. I also believe that procurement of natural gas vehicles will enable the Federal government to leverage its historic experience in buying and maintaining such vehicles. GSA data indicates natural gas vehicles currently make up approximately 6% of the alternative fuel vehicles in the Federal fleet and account for approximately 5% of the alternative fuel consumed, by volume.

Under the ARRA, Congress conditioned the GSA's expenditure of new funds for fleet procurement on the submission of an expenditure plan within 90 days of enactment: It states this plan must detail the "current inventory" of the Federal fleet as well as the GSA's expenditure strategy "to replace a portion of the Federal fleet with the goal of substantially increasing energy efficiency over the current status, including increasing fuel efficiency and reducing emissions." The conference report also provides that: "Each vehicle purchased must have a higher fuel economy, as measured by the EPA, than the vehicle being replaced and the overall government-purchased vehicles must have an improved fuel economy at least 10 percent greater than the vehicles being replaced."

Based on GSA data regarding the Federal fleet and EPA fuel economy standards, these directives can be met by an expenditure plan that includes a significant percentage of natural gas vehicles. First, the FY2008 Federal Fleet Report indicates that gasoline fueled vehicles in the fleet averaged approximately 20 miles per gallon, whereas EPA data for the most widely available compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle, the Honda Civic GX, indicates a combined city/highway mdeage rating of 28 miles/gallon. Other gasoline-powered vehicles (full-size sedans like the Ford Crown Victoria and light-duty trucks like the Ford F-150 and Chevy Silverado) can be converted to run on CNG and, upon an EPA-certified conversion, have comparable fuel efficiency.

Second, emissions for CNG-fueled vehicles are significantly lower than those for gasoline vehicles. This is true whether the vehicle has been converted to use CNG or designed to use natural gas by

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the original manufacturer. I also note that on a BTU basis, CNG costs on average about one-third to 40 percent less than gasoline, which increases the relative mileage efficiency of CNG fueled vehicles. For example, the last available Clean Cities Alternative Fuel Price Report, published in October 2008 by DOE, states that the average nationwide price for gasoline was $3.04 per gallon, whereas the average price for the CNG gallon equivalent was $2.01.

Finally, it is my view that Congress' interest in improving the fuel efficiency of the Federal fleet has been motivated in large part by its interest in reducing the government's reliance on imported fuels. Apart from any miles per gallon comparison, fueling Federal vehicles with domestic U.S. natural gas will directly advance the fuel efficiency goal set by the Congress.

As you are aware, management of the Federal fleet is overseen by the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) at the DOE. Accordingly, in preparing the GSA fleet expenditure plan, I urge you to coordinate with FEMP and to incorporate the most complete data available on the fleet inventory. To the extent possible, the inventory data in the plan should contain information on natural gas and other alternative fuel vehicles categorized by state as well as by federal agency. The inventory data should also identify, by Federal agency and state, all Federal facilities available to refuel natural gas and other alternative fueled vehicles. In addition, the inventory should disclose the availability of the natural gas refueling capability at all Federal facilities that Qspense 100,000 gallons or more of petroleum. The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) requires that every facility dispensing 100,000 gallons or more of petroleum must also dispense alterative fuel by 2010.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking time to review my requests. I look forward to reviewing GSA's expenditure plan for purchasing new vehicles under ARRA and to working with GSA to ensure that natural gas vehicles continue to play an appropriate role in the Federal fleet.

Respectfully yours,

Dan Boren
Member of Congress

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Dear Secretary Hoffman:

Thank you very much for taking the time last week to discuss funding opportunities within the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. I wish I could have been on the conference call.

I look forward to working with your office in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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