



September 22, 2009

Dear The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Majority Leader
S-221 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
House Majority Leader
H-107 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Senate Majority Whip
S-321 Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker, Majority Leader Hoyer, Majority Leader Reid, and Majority Whip Durbin:

Our organizations, representing thousands of clean energy companies, appreciate the efforts of this Congress to support the development and deployment of clean energy technologies. We are writing today to urge you to promptly restore \$2 billion in funding to the Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program.

Last month, Congress extended the automobile recycling program, popularly called “cash for clunkers,” by transferring \$2 billion from the Title 17 DOE Loan Guarantee Program, representing one-third of the amount appropriated for this program in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, PL 111-47). We appreciate the commitments made by congressional leaders and the White House to restore this funding, and urge you to act quickly to see that this is done. The restored \$2 billion appropriation would support at least \$30 billion in loan guarantees for projects that will create jobs and lay the foundation for a clean energy economy.

Section 406 of the ARRA amended Title 17 to create Section 1705, authorizing a new temporary program for rapid deployment of renewable energy and electric power transmission projects that commence construction by September 30, 2011. If not reversed, the loss of a third of the \$6 billion of funding and delays in implementation of the new temporary program will severely

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limit the usefulness of the incentive by limiting the number of awards and by causing some otherwise eligible projects to run up against the commence construction deadlines in the ARRA.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters in further detail with you or members of your staff. Thank you for your attention to these important matters.



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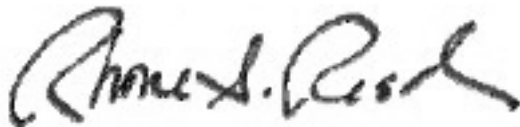
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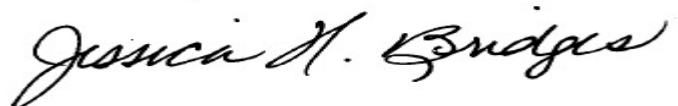
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