

SUNPOWER

The Honorable Robert Menendez
United States Senator
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Menendez,

I would like to thank you for introducing legislation to create a tax credit for the purchase of solar manufacturing equipment and to offer SunPower Corporation's unqualified endorsement and support for the bill. Clean energy can be the United States' next economic growth engine and we are grateful that visionary leaders like you recognize this opportunity and are acting to create a targeted incentive for solar manufacturing.

The solar industry is at an inflection point. As the technology improves and costs decline, major industry players are deciding where to locate volume manufacturing. The United States is forecast to be the world's largest market for solar technology. However, without incentives for domestic manufacturing of solar energy property, much of this demand is likely to be met through imports since other nations have created a more favorable environment through policy incentives.

Your legislation will create an incentive to allow the US to compete with these other nations and not only create solar manufacturing jobs here in America but also increase demand for U.S. solar components and create a more robust and self-sufficient ecosystem. There is a long list of industries in which pioneering technology was created in the US, but the manufacturing and attendant jobs eventually shifted to other nations. I am grateful that your leadership will ensure that the solar industry will not join this list.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that this legislation is enacted at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,



Tom Werner
Chief Executive Officer
SunPower Corporation