



January 22, 2008

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6348

Dear Chairman Rangel:

On behalf of more than 1,000 companies and over 40,000 employees that make up the U.S. solar energy industry, the Solar Energy Industries Association thanks you for your leadership on The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009*, HR 598. This progressive bill supports individual Americans and businesses that make a real contribution towards U.S. energy independence by installing solar power at their homes and businesses.

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009* would have significant economic, energy, and environmental benefits if enacted. Passage would generate tens of thousands of clean energy industry jobs within the next couple of years and billions of dollars in economic investment in all 50 states.

The suite of favorable provisions in the legislation will allow our country to stay the course in expanding the use of renewable energy across America. Enactment of this legislation will displace trillions of cubic feet of natural gas and avoid billions of pounds of carbon emissions while safeguarding our economic future by maintaining renewable energy jobs in the face of difficult times.

We sincerely appreciate the time you have taken to study the details of this issue, your willingness to examine new policies and paradigms, and most of all, the vision you have shown in taking measures today to ensure the nation's technological and environmental leadership in the twenty-first century.

Passage of his important legislation will send a message that it is time to diversify our energy portfolio and expand the clean energy industry here in the US. By investing in solar our country will not only reap the benefits of billions of dollars of investment, thousands of jobs, and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas savings but will also significantly advance our energy independence and security needs.

Once again, we strongly support *American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009* and we applaud you for leading the way to a clean energy future for our country. We look forward to working with you to secure final passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhone Resch". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Rhone Resch
President