

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

December 17, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to bring to your attention several loan guarantee applications submitted to the Department of Energy for funding under section 1705 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will support advanced clean energy projects in the State of Michigan.

The State of Michigan, through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), has developed an aggressive strategy to diversify our economy through investments in growth sectors that build on the state's strengths in advanced manufacturing, research and development, and engineering and design. One of these sectors is alternative energy and energy efficiency.

To that end, the MEDC has pursued initiatives to establish, grow and sustain alternative energy clusters in six targeted industries, including advanced energy storage, wind turbine manufacturing, and solar and photovoltaic technology. These efforts leverage investments of the private sector, universities and national laboratories, as well as state and local government.

This model was successfully demonstrated in the area of advanced battery technology, and we greatly appreciate the Department of Energy's recognition of these highly focused efforts with its significant investment in Michigan to support domestic advanced battery and electric vehicle manufacturing

The funding made available for the Department of Energy's loan guarantee program under Section 1705 of the ARRA is designed to help leading companies access credit and make significant investments in various clean energy sectors, including solar, energy storage, and wind. Because the loan guarantee program parallels our state's strategy to advance key energy sectors, we want to highlight several key Michigan opportunities for partnerships under this program, including –

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- Suniva, Inc. - This application includes manufacture of high-efficiency solar panels with a \$250 million investment in Saginaw County that will create 500 jobs and lead to annual PV production with the capacity to power 100,000 homes.
- United Solar Ovonic - This application includes upgrade of six manufacturing lines at existing facilities in Michigan to begin production of higher-efficiency rooftop photovoltaic cells, resulting in the creation of 880 jobs in Michigan.
- Xtreme Power Solutions - This application includes manufacture of energy storage systems to support up to 10,000 MW of renewable power globally and, along with Clairvoyant Energy, redevelopment of Ford's Wixom Plant into one of the world's largest renewable energy parks, creating 3,000 direct jobs.
- Clairvoyant Energy - This application includes manufacture and production of up to 2.5 million photovoltaic cells annually and, along with Xtreme Power Solutions, redevelopment of the Ford Wixom Plant, creating an additional 1,000 direct jobs.

Each of these applicants has recently submitted a Part II application, consistent with the requirements of the loan guarantee program. We believe these applications are worthy of serious consideration by the Department of Energy.

Mr. Secretary, thank you again for your efforts to promote the development of clean energy in Michigan and across the country. We hope to continue working with you and help Michigan lead in advancing solutions that will create jobs, protect the environment, and strengthen our nation's energy security.

With every good wish,

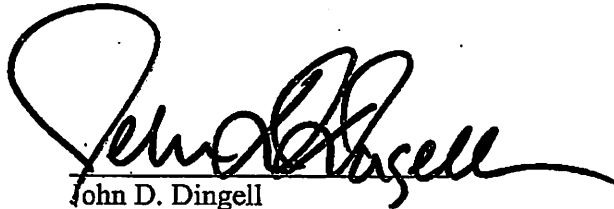
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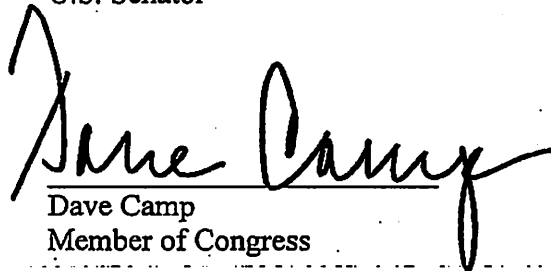
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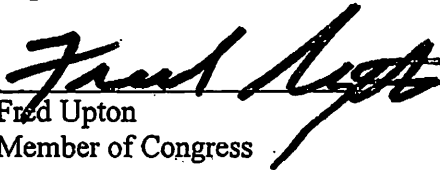
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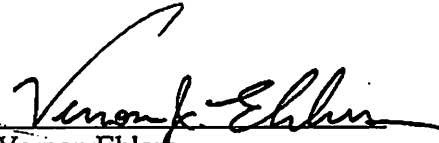


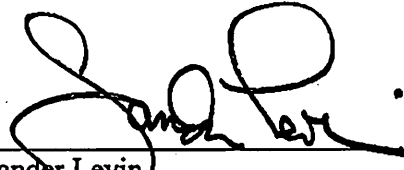
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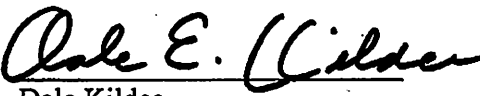
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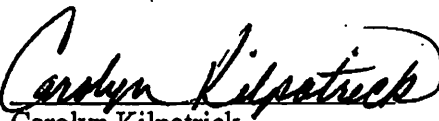

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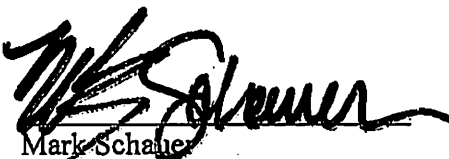

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