



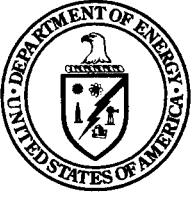
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*Compiled by the Office of the Executive Secretariat
November 18, 2008*



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Washington, DC 20585

November 18, 2008

MEMORANDUM FOR INGRID KOLB
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT

FROM: ERIC NICOLL *Eric*
DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

CAROL A. MATTHEWS *Carol*
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT: INFORMATION: 2008 Congressional Correspondence

As you requested, the attached report contains copies of letters from Members of Congress received by the Department throughout calendar year 2008.

The report contains approximately 247 letters which we consider to be "true" Congressional letters; i.e. those addressing primarily public policy issues. The book contains a tab for each of the major DOE program offices. Behind each tab you will find a list of the letters assigned to that program office, in chronological order, followed by copies of the actual letters.

The report also contains a listing of approximately 508 additional Congressional letters received by the Department in 2008. This group includes constituent referral letters, speaking invitations, and other routine correspondence not involving public policy issues.

Attachment



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1. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Tom A. Coburn**
Subject: Senator Tom A. Coburn requests information regarding DOE's annual appropriations defined as earmarked
Control Number: EXEC-2008-003126 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 28-Feb-2008
Signature Level: CF Date Created: 12-Mar-2008 8:47AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 11-Aug-2008
2. **Letter to CF/Steve Isakowitz from Chairman Bart Gordon**
Subject: Thanks DOE for notifying the Committee of the Department of Energy's desire to reprogram money within the Office of Science's Appropriation for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor Project from Other Project Costs to Total Estimated Costs
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004501 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 03-Apr-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 14-Apr-2008 2:00PM
Address Office: CF Due Date:
3. **Letter to CF/Steve Isakowitz from Senator Pete V. Domenici**
Subject: Senator Pete V. Domenici responding to DOE's notification of intent to reprogram \$9,000,000 of FY 2008 funding within the Science Appropriation for Fusion Energy Sciences'
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004871 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 08-Apr-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 23-Apr-2008 11:22AM
Address Office: CF Due Date:
4. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Thomas R. Carper, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security**
Subject: Encloses questions regarding the Department of Energy Fiscal Year 2007 Performance and Accountability Report; concerned that DOE may not have made accurate reporting of its improper payments under the Improper Payments Information Act
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005600 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 07-May-2008
Signature Level: CF Date Created: 15-May-2008 9:43AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 06-Jun-2008
5. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Michael B. Enzi(R-WY), John Barrasso (R-WY) and Representative Barbara Cubin (R-WY)**
Subject: Writes to support the Department of Energy's recent announcement that it plans to issue the final round of loan guarantee solicitations later this summer; urges DOE to comply with the announced schedule and to issue the solicitation in expeditious manner
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007551 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 10-Jul-2008
Signature Level: CF Date Created: 16-Jul-2008 11:11AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 28-Jul-2008

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6. Letter to CF/Steven J. Isakowitz from Representative David L. Hobson, Ranking Minority Member and Peter J. Visclosky, Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of \$8,680,331 within the Weapons Activities appropriation to support program activities necessary to meet regulatory requirements associated w/environmental Long-Term Stewardship at NNSA sites

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008011 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 12:06PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

7. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX)

Subject: Senator Hutchinson expresses support for the Loan Guarantee Application filed by NRG Energy, Inc. for two reactors at the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear power station in Bay City, Texas

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008113 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 30-Jul-2008 12:22PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

8. Letter to CFO/Steve Isakowitz from Ranking Member Pete Domenici and Chairman Jeff Bingaman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subject: The Committee has no objection to the transfer of funds to reprogram \$11,000,000 within the Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup Appropriation from GNL to the West Valley Demo Project

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009102 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 13-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 21-Aug-2008 2:54PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

9. Fax to CF/Steve Isakowitz from Ranking Minority Member David L. Hobson (R-OH) and Chairman Peter J. Visclosky (D-IN), Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

Subject: Poses no objection to the proposed reprogramming of (\$36,202,265) from the Defense Environmental Cleanup and (\$11,000,000) within the Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup appropriations for FY 2008; request that the DOE inform the Committee how long reprogramming actions were in CFO's office, including the Office of Budget, once rec'd from the EM program prior to its transmittal to Congress

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010078 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 11-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 12-Sep-2008 10:19AM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

10. Fax to CF/Steve Isakowitz from David L. Hobson, Ranking Minority Member and Peter J. Visclosky, Chairman, Energy and Water Development Subcommittee

Subject: Committee poses no objection to the proposed reprogramming of \$2,000,000 of available funds within the Departmental Administration Account for fiscal year 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010086 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 11-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 12-Sep-2008 11:02AM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

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11. Letter to CFO/Steven J. Isakowitz from David L. Hobson, Ranking Minority Member and Peter J. Visclosky, Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Committee interposes no objection to the DOE's reprogramming of \$4.35 million of these funds for fiscal year 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010501 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 23-Sep-2008 9:20AM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

12. Letter to CF/Steven Isakowitz from Ranking Minority Member David L. Hobson and Chairman Peter J. Visclosky, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming, with zero net impact, \$4.9 million within the Advanced Simulation and Computing Campaign from operating funds to support the procurement and installation of the Global Parallel File System at the LANL

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010928 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 03-Oct-2008 3:07PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

13. Letter to CF/Steven J. Isakowitz from Ranking Minority Member David L. Hobson and Chairman Peter J. Visclosky, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming, with zero net impact, \$2,955,800 within Stockpile Services, Directed Stockpile Work, for procurement and installation at the Y-12 National Security Complex of Oven Bank #1 & #2, and a Quality Evaluation Environmental Chamber/Crimp Welder

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010930 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 03-Oct-2008 3:19PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

14. Letter to CF/Steven J. Isakowitz from Ranking Minority Member David L. Hobson and Chairman Peter J. Visclosky, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming, with zero net impact, \$1,526,721 within Directed Stockpile Work from Stockpile Services to the Reliable Replacement Warhead, to cover the cost of activities conducted without an enacted Appropriation Bill

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010931 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 03-Oct-2008 3:26PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

15. Letter to CF/Steven J. Isakowitz from Ranking Member Representative David L. Hobson and Chairman Peter J. Visclosky, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Committee interposes no objection to the DOE's proposed reprogramming, with zero net impact, \$2.1 million within Directed Stockpile Work for procurement and installation at the Y-12 National Security Complex of a gas mass spectrometer for FY 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010932 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 03-Oct-2008 3:34PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

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16. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Jean Schmidt (R-OH), John A. Boehner (R-OH), David L. Hobson (R-OH), Steve Chabot (R-OH), Michael R. Turner (R-OH), Zackary T. Space (D-OH), Charles A. Wilson (D-OH)**
Subject: Members of Congress asking the Department to continue to move forward with the implementation of the loan guarantee program and expedite the review and selection process.
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010984 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 9:16AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |
17. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators George V. Voinovich (R-OH) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH)**
Subject: Asks that the Department of Energy continue to move forward with the implementation of the Loan Guarantee Program and expedite the review and selection process that Congress authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011244 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 03-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 10:07AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |
18. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY)**
Subject: Ask that the Department of Energy comply with the Continuing Resolution directing its Department to issue regulations to expedite implementation of the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program within 60 days of enactment in order to accelerate the retooling of existing American vehicle manufacturing facilities
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011309 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 15-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 17-Oct-2008 8:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 31-Oct-2008 |
19. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Bob Corker (R-TN)**
Subject: Concerning the program to provide loans to automobile and component manufacturers to produce advanced technology vehicles. Requests an update before the end of the year on how the program will be implemented to ensure that it meets its intended purposes
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011492 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 22-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 23-Oct-2008 8:57AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 04-Nov-2008 |
20. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative John A. Yarmuth (D-KY)**
Subject: Regarding the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive program
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011602 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 15-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 24-Oct-2008 10:42AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 05-Nov-2008 |

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21. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Donald Manzullo (R-IL, 16th)

Subject: Urging DOE to proceed with implementing the federal loan auto program authorizing DOE to provide a total of \$25 billion in direct loans to assist the automotive industry.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011713 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 28-Oct-2008 12:57PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Nov-2008 |

22. Letter to Steve Isakowitz, CFO from Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

Subject: Notification of no objection to DOE's intent to reprogram \$8,680,311.00 within the weapons activities appropriation at NNSA.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011727 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 29-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 29-Oct-2008 7:49AM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

23. Letter to Steve Isakowitz, CFO from Senator Carl Levin (D-MI)

Subject: Notifying DOE of no objection to DOE's intent to reprogram \$4,350,000.00 within the weapons activities appropriation but urges the restoring of funding for work that was deferred.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011729 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 29-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 29-Oct-2008 8:10AM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

24. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Herb Kohl (D-WI) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Representatives Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)

Subject: Requests the Department of Energy consider a series of prioritization factors when promulgating the final Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program rules

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011833 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 30-Oct-2008 11:48AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-Nov-2008 |

25. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Candice S. Miller (R-MI)

Subject: Express concern regarding the Department of Energy delay in implementing H.R. 2638, Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriation Act, that would commence a program to provide \$25 billion in loans to help the American automakers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011856 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 31-Oct-2008 8:45AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 13-Nov-2008 |

26. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Congressman Bart Gordon (D-TN, 6th)

Subject: Expressing interest in the recently funded program to provide loans to automobile and component manufacturers to produce advance technology vehicles and requesting to be updated on how the program is being implemented

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012031 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 05-Nov-2008 10:24AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Nov-2008 |

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27. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Idaho Senators Larry E. Craig, and Mike Crapo and Representative Mike Simpson

Subject: Expresses support for the application of AREVA NC, Inc. to the loan guarantee program for its planned uranium enrichment facility in Bonneville County, Idaho; urges the Department of Energy to act favorably on this proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012379 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 12-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-Nov-2008 9:31AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

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United States Senate

Senator Tom Coburn, MD
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February 28, 2008

Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, DC 20585 - 1000

Dear Secretary Bodman,

Congress spent more than \$18 billion on earmarked projects in the current fiscal year. Many of these are new projects but this number also includes "continuing earmarks," that is Congressional spending initiatives that receive funding over a period of years.

Please provide the following information regarding your agency's/department's annual appropriations:

- 1) A list of all "continuing earmarks," defined as earmarks funded in at least three of the last five fiscal years, including FY 2008;
- 2) The name and location of the recipient of each of the "continuing earmarks" identified;
- 3) The total dollar amount spent to date and by fiscal year for each of the continuing earmarks identified;
- 4) A summary of the specific objectives and goals that are expected to be achieved for each continuing earmarks identified;
- 5) A list of notable accomplishments, if there are any, that can be directly attributed to each of the continuing earmarks;
- 6) A list of any grant programs within your agency/departments that provide federal assistance for purposes similar to the activities being funded for each of the continuing earmarks;
- 7) A determination as to whether or not the recipient of each of the continuing earmarks applied for any of the available grants.

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Thank you for your assistance with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Drew Berkley of my staff at (202) 225-5754 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom A. Coburn, M.D.
United States Senator

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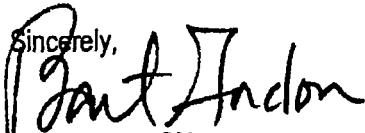
April 3, 2008

Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 2008 notifying the Committee of the Department of Energy's desire to reprogram \$9,000,000 within the Office of Science's Appropriation for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Project from Other Project Costs to Total Estimated Costs.

This letter is to inform you that the Committee on Science and Technology has no objection to this reprogramming request.

Sincerely,

BART GORDON
Chairman

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April 8, 2008

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

This letter is in response to your notification of the Department of Energy's intent to reprogram \$9,000,000 of FY 2008 funding within the Science Appropriation for Fusion Energy Sciences' U.S. Contributions to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Major Item of Equipment project (U.S. ITER Project).

Provided these funds will be reprogrammed from Other Project Costs to Total Estimated Costs to sustain the U.S. ITER core project team through the remainder of the fiscal year and will not be used for U.S. contribution to ITER, the Committee has no objection to the March 4, 2008 proposed reprogramming.

Sincerely,



Pete V. Domenici
Ranking Minority Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Energy and Water Development

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United States Senate
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HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
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May 7, 2008

Mr. Samuel W. Bodman
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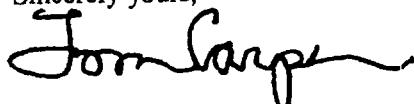
Dear Secretary Bodman,

This subcommittee has had a long interest in working with departments and agencies in reducing the amount of improper payments they make and increasing the amount of overpayments collected through recovery auditing activities. To that end, we have reviewed the Department of Energy fiscal year 2007 Performance and Accountability Report which noted reported \$15 million in improper payments identified for recovery through the department's recovery audit program. Given the high value of recoveries identified, it seems that the department may not have made an accurate reporting of its improper payments under the Improper Payments Information Act. I have several questions about the department's work in this area:

- How did the department determine its estimated improper payments?
- How do you explain the low improper payment estimates reported in light of such a high amount of overpayments identified through recovery auditing?
- Did the recovery auditing program at the Department of Energy include all of its contract payments?

Please respond to these questions in writing by May 23, 2008. If you have any questions or concerns please call or email Kate Valentine of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-6571 or kate_valentine@hsgac.senate.gov.

Sincerely yours,



Senator Thomas R. Carper
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
Government Information, Federal Services, and
International Security

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 10, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write to support the Department of Energy's (DOE) recent announcement that it plans to issue the final round of loan guarantee solicitations later this summer. We urge DOE to comply with the announced schedule and to issue the solicitation in an expeditious manner. In addition, we urge DOE to give special consideration to alternative energy projects relying on domestic, secure energy sources that can help the U.S. meet its transportation fuel and electricity demands.

The prompt issuance of the next round of loan guarantee solicitations is essential for three reasons. First, under current law, DOE's authority to issue the loan guarantee solicitations is scheduled to expire in 2009. Second, it is widely acknowledged among policymakers, scientists, and industry representatives that, even if we started today, the U.S. is at least three to five years away from the development and deployment of large scale commercial sources of alternative energy that will seriously compete with traditional sources of fuel. The sooner DOE issues the loan guarantee solicitations and selects projects to support, the faster these new alternative energy technologies can be deployed to meet a significant portion of U.S. energy demand. Third, it will take a wide variety of alternative energy sources to meet U.S. energy demands that are currently being met through traditional sources of energy. Therefore, it is crucial that a range of potential applicants have the opportunity to respond to the upcoming scheduled round of solicitations, which will include advanced fossil energy projects.

We strongly recommend that DOE, through its upcoming Title XVI solicitation for loan guarantees, support the development of advanced fossil energy projects that utilize a wide variety of domestically available feedstocks such as coal. Industrial wastes that can co-process renewable resources such as non-food cellulosic materials and municipal sludge in the development of fuel should also be considered, as they could meet the emission level criteria specified in Section 1703(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

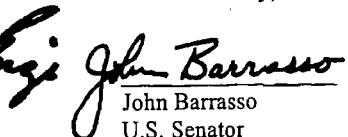
For example, the Department of Defense (DOD), through the Air Force, has announced its Assured Fuels Initiative, which is designed to establish an alternative domestic source of fuel for ground and, more importantly, aviation use. An alternative domestic source such as coal would be less vulnerable to supply disruptions associated with weather and geopolitical events; would be more affordable and predictably priced; would reduce emissions of criteria pollutants and greenhouse gases; and, could be used across multiple weapons systems and vehicles to reduce the number of fuel types and associated logistical problems. DOE loan guarantees should encourage the development of alternative domestic sources of such fuels for military use. The use of coal to liquids is a critical source of domestically available, secure transportation fuels.

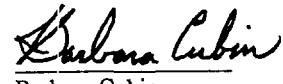
Our Armed Services will require fuel for the foreseeable future, and the development and use of clean domestic alternative fuels will go a long way in not only helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., but also in reducing the military's dependence upon imported crude oil.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


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Mr. Steven J. Isakowitz
Acting Chief Financial Officer
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated June 24, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram \$8,680,331 in available funds in the Weapons Activities appropriation to support program activities necessary to meet regulatory requirements associated with environmental Long-Term Stewardship at National Nuclear Security Administration sites.

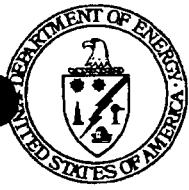
The Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for fiscal year 2008.

David L. Hobson
Ranking Minority Member

Sincerely,

Peter J. Visclosky, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
and Water Development

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Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

October 2, 2008

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchinson
United States Senator
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Hutchinson:

Thank you for your July 29, 2008, letter to Secretary Bodman regarding your support for NRG Energy Inc. and its application for a loan guarantee application from the Department of Energy (DOE) under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The letter has been referred to me for reply.

On June 30, 2008, DOE announced three solicitations for a total of up to \$30.5 billion in federal loan guarantees for projects that employ advanced energy technologies that avoid, reduce or sequester air pollutants or greenhouse gas emissions. The three solicitations are in the areas of efficiency, renewable energy and electric transmission projects, nuclear power facilities and nuclear facilities for the "front end" of the nuclear fuel cycle.

In order to encourage submissions under the nuclear power facilities solicitation, the Department will be reviewing all received applications and evaluating them on a continuous basis as they are received. Based on a preliminary review and approval by the Department's Credit Review Board, the initial rankings will be published on or around October 29, 2008. This initial ranking will provide applicants information to assist in their making a self selection decision as to whether to proceed with the cost and effort of completing a full application. If an applicant decides to proceed with the application, the applicant must complete its submission by December 19, 2008.

During this period of time, the Department is not at liberty to discuss individual applications due to the sensitivity of the application process.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Shiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer



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July 29, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to express my support for the Loan Guarantee Application filed by NRG Energy, Inc., for two new nuclear reactors at the South Texas Project (STP) nuclear power station in Bay City, Texas. These reactors, STP 3 and 4, are precisely the type of investment that Congress envisioned when we enacted the loan guarantee provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The 2,700-megawatt increase as a result of this expansion will double the existing STP capacity, which will help ensure that Texas' increasing energy demands will be met. Additionally, the construction and operation of STP 3 and 4 will lead to the creation of thousands of jobs and new tax revenue in Texas to support schools and surrounding infrastructure.

STP 3 and 4 will be the nation's first nuclear reactors in 30 years, and they are long overdue. The success of NRG's loan guarantee application will help avert further delays in the construction of new U.S. nuclear capacity. Please carefully consider this loan guarantee application. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Kay Bailey Hutchison

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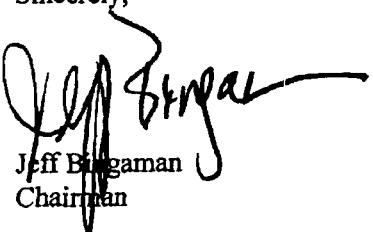
Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

We are responding to your letter of August 5, 2008 to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources regarding the Department's request to reprogram \$11,000,000 of funds within the Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup Appropriation from the Brookhaven National Laboratory to the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Based on the information provided in the Department's letter and additional information provided to the Committee, the Committee has no objection to the transfer of funds outlined in the reprogramming request.


 Pete V. Domenici
 Ranking Member

Sincerely,


 Jeff Bingaman
 Chairman

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September 11, 2008

Mr. Steve Isakowitz
 Chief Financial Officer
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letters dated August 5, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram \$36,202,265 in available funds in the Defense Environmental Cleanup Appropriation and \$11,000,000 within the Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup Appropriation. The Committee poses no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for fiscal year 2008. The Committee's priority is that the financial transactions be made in order to support the operations of the Environmental Management program. However, the Committee remains very concerned regarding the timing of the Congressional notification letters.

As the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, you should be aware of the timeframe of the Congressional recess, and the need to get action items to Congress ahead of this date. While it is the policy of the Committee to respond to most reprogramming requests quickly, it is impossible to do so for requests submitted while Congress is not in session. To ensure a more timely response for future requests, the Committee strongly recommends that your department provide sufficient time to respond while Congress is in session.

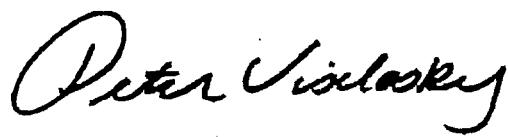
Please inform the Committee how long reprogramming actions were in the CFO's offices, including the Office of Budget, once received from the Environmental Management program prior to the transmittal to Congress.

The Committee expects the Department to take into account the Committee's concerns in future reprogramming actions.

Sincerely,



David L. Hobson
Ranking Minority Member
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated July 23, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram \$2,000,000 in available funds within the Departmental Administration Account. The Committee poses no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for fiscal year 2008.

Sincerely,

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September 18, 2008

Mr. Steven J. Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated August 28, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram \$4.35 million from the Science and Engineering Campaigns and Readiness in Technical Base and Facilities to Directed Stockpile Work to implement the recent material selection decision and to continue studies for the W76 LEP.

The Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for fiscal year 2008.

Sincerely,

David L. Hobson
Ranking Minority Member

Peter J. Viscosky, Chairman
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and Water Development

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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated August 25, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram, with zero net impact, \$4.9 million within the Advanced Simulation and Computing Campaign from operating funds to support the procurement and installation of the Global Parallel File System at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for fiscal year 2008.

Sincerely,

David L. Hobson
Ranking Minority Member

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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated August 25, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram, with zero net impact, \$2,955,800 within Stockpile Services, Directed Stockpile Work, for procurement and installation at the Y-12 National Security Complex of Oven Bank #1, Oven Bank #2, and a Quality Evaluation Environmental Chamber/Crimp Welder, all of which were budgeted but not identified as Major Equipment Items, which they are, in the FY 2008 Congressional Budget Request.

The Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for FY 2008.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated September 10, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram, with zero net impact, \$1,526,721 within Directed Stockpile Work from Stockpile Services to the Reliable Replacement Warhead, to cover the cost of activities conducted without an enacted Appropriation Bill.

The Committee understands that these funds are for termination of the Reliable Replacement Warhead. On that basis, the Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for fiscal year 2008.

Sincerely,

Dave Hobson

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Mr. Steven J. Isakowitz
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

By letter dated September 22, 2008, you notified the Committee of the Department's intent to reprogram, with zero net impact, \$2.1 million within Directed Stockpile Work for procurement and installation at the Y-12 National Security Complex of a gas mass spectrometer, which is a Major Item of Equipment but not so identified in the FY 2008 or FY 2009 Congressional Budget Requests.

The Committee interposes no objection to the proposed reprogramming of these funds for FY 2008.

Sincerely,

David L. Hobson
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Subcommittee on Energy
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 30, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 7A257
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

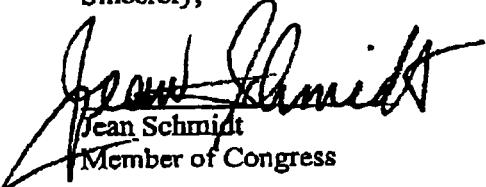
The American Centrifuge Plant in Ohio is critical to the economic well-being of southern Ohio, to domestic energy security and to establishing the United States as the leader of advanced nuclear technology in the international market place. Because of these important reasons, we are writing to ask that the Department of Energy continue to move forward with the implementation of the loan guarantee program and expedite the review and selection process that Congress authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

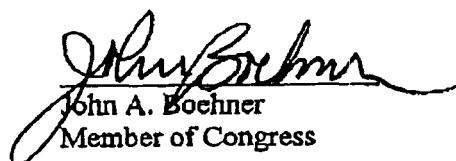
We believe the American Centrifuge Plant meets the requirements outlined in the law, and that an American company should be one of the first recipients of a United States government loan guarantee. We know that the success of the loan guarantee program is important to you and the Administration, and selecting well-qualified applicants is key to that success. If the American Centrifuge Plant, which will use U.S.-based technology is selected, we strongly encourage the Department to begin discussions as soon as possible to develop terms and conditions and make an initial commitment before the end of the year.

The successful deployment of the American Centrifuge Plant will provide significant savings in energy consumption and reduce emissions that are important for a healthier environment. In addition, it will showcase the American entrepreneurial spirit and technology in the nuclear renaissance. Equally important, the facility will create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs to a region that desperately needs high-paying jobs and an economic revival.

Mr. Secretary, we hope you will give serious consideration to quickly advancing the implementation of the loan guarantee program once you have selected the qualified candidates. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and we stand ready to provide any assistance that may be needed from Congress to expedite this program.

Sincerely,


Sean Schmidt
Member of Congress


John A. Boehner
Member of Congress

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
September 30, 2008
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October 3, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The construction of the American Centrifuge Plant (ACP) located in Piketon, Ohio, is critical to the economic well-being of southern Ohio, to domestic energy security and to re-establishing America's global leadership in advanced nuclear technology. The plant, operated by the United States Enrichment Corporation, a subsidiary of USEC Inc., of Bethesda, Maryland, is located at the former site of the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The closure of this plant in 2001 devastated the economy of the entire region. Today, Pike County has been designated a distressed county by the Appalachian Regional Commission and continues to struggle with the loss of its largest employer. We are writing to ask that DOE continue to move forward with the implementation of the loan guarantee program and expedite the review and selection process that Congress authorized in Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

We believe the ACP project meets the requirements outlined in the law. It is vital to the national security of the United States that an American-owned enrichment company, using American technology, is fully operational. Should the ACP qualify for the loan guarantee, we strongly encourage the Department to begin discussions as soon as possible to develop terms and conditions and make an initial commitment before the end of the year.

The successful deployment of the ACP will provide significant savings in energy consumption and reduced carbon emissions. In addition, the plant will enable the United States to continue to produce enriched uranium domestically. Equally important, the facility will create more than 3,000 direct and indirect jobs to a region that is in desperate need of an economic revival.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman

October 3, 2008

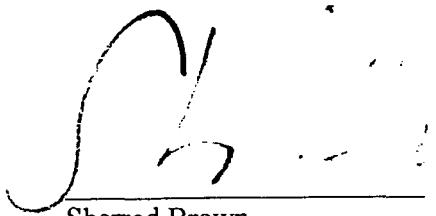
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We hope you will move to quickly advance the implementation of the loan guarantee program and give the ACP every consideration. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and we stand ready to provide any assistance that may be needed from Congress to expedite this program.

Sincerely,



George V. Voinovich
United States Senator



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October 15, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write to bring to your attention a program that is important to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and thousands of autoworkers across my state. As you know, the Fiscal Year 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act appropriated funds for the expedited implementation of the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program. This program was authorized last December by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and aims to assist manufacturers with the increased production of fuel efficient vehicles.

To ensure that this program is promptly implemented, the Continuing Resolution directs the Department of Energy to issue regulations necessary to administer this program within 60 days of enactment. Recently, Ford Motor Company announced plans to transform the Louisville Assembly Plant, which produces the Ford Explorer and the Mercury Mountaineer, to build the next generation of fuel efficient vehicles. On October 9, the Manager of the Louisville Assembly Plant wrote me to emphasize the importance of timely access to low cost capital for the transformation of the Louisville production facility.

I believe that it is vitally important that the Department of Energy comply with the 60-day rulemaking obligation in order to accelerate the retooling of existing American vehicle manufacturing facilities, such as the Louisville Assembly Plant, for the production of new fuel-efficient vehicles. This loan assistance will help protect the livelihood of thousands of Kentucky autoworkers and can also serve as an important stimulus to the American economy.

Expedited implementation of this loan program is essential. In light of the economic importance of this program to the Commonwealth, I ask that you give my request for swift action appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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October 22, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to express interest in the recently funded program to provide loans to automobile and component manufacturers to produce advanced technology vehicles. As the Department of Energy implements this important program, we request an update before the end of the year on how the program is being implemented to ensure that it meets its intended purposes.

This program is designed to encourage the development of new, advanced technologies, with the goal of producing vehicles with increased fuel efficiency. With these new loans, automobile and component manufacturers will be able to advance their technology development and increase our energy security.

The potential benefits of this program are significant, not only for our environment, but also for the economy. As such, it is critical that this program reflect consultation with all automotive manufacturers in the United States and that the program comprehend the participation of all such automotive manufacturers that meet the program's technological objectives. If either of these criteria is not met it will limit either the scope of technology advancements fostered or the magnitude of the economic impact.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to consulting with you and the Department on these issues.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander

Lamar Alexander
United States Senator

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October 15, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

As you are aware, Congress appropriated funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program (ATVMIP) in the Fiscal Year 2009 Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act. The program, which was authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA), will receive \$7.51 billion in funding to support up to \$25 billion in low-interest loans to U.S. automakers and parts suppliers.

Also included in the Continuing Resolution is language directing the Department of Energy to issue regulations for the program within 60 days of enactment. This program is critical to the future of American automakers and the millions of Americans they employ, and its immediate implementation is essential.

Federal support for re-tooling and retraining is especially critical to the economy of my hometown, Louisville, Kentucky. Ford Motor Company is one of our largest employers. Over 7,000 individuals work at the two Ford plants in the area: the Louisville Assembly Plant and the Kentucky Truck Plant. Ford is making great efforts to develop alternative energy automobiles and train workers on the emerging technologies. Implementation of the ATVMIP will help Ford and other U.S. automakers make the necessary updates to their facilities, while ensuring these well-paying, new jobs stay in the United States.

Therefore, I urge you to issue these new regulations immediately. I also ask that, through these regulations, you ensure that this program is widely available to those companies making concerted efforts to increase technological advancements and vehicle efficiency.

I appreciate your attention to this request and will await your response.

Sincerely,

John Yarmuth
Member of Congress

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October 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

As you know, the federal auto loan program was originally created as part of the *Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-140). This program authorizes the Department of Energy to provide a total of \$25 billion in direct loans to help the automotive industry retool plants to produce fuel-efficient vehicles to comply with the higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. As part of the *Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009* (Public Law 110-329), Congress provided \$7.5 billion to fully fund the loan subsidy for this initiative.

I join with many of my colleagues in strongly urging you to proceed with implementing this new program as quickly as possible so that we can have a viable auto manufacturing sector in the United States making the cars of the future. I am proud to represent more than 2,000 workers who are employed at the Belvidere, Illinois Chrysler assembly plant and the associated suppliers surrounding the plant. I also represent many other suppliers to the entire auto industry, such as fastener manufacturers.

However, I am concerned about the source of the new tooling that would be purchased under this program. I also represent many small tool & die makers and industrial mold builders. I have heard and seen too many anecdotal stories where the Big 3 automakers buy foreign made tools and molds priced even below the cost of the raw materials. These small firms are rapidly disappearing, particularly those that were reliant on the automotive industry, and are too cash-poor to challenge these practices through the filing of trade cases. The U.S. is losing this important and foundational aspect of the manufacturing sector of our economy.

It makes no sense for the federal government to bolster one set of manufacturers, based by the full faith and credit of the taxpayer, at the expense of other manufacturers. Why should the American taxpayer subsidize the purchase of foreign-made tooling as the Big 3 auto companies modernize their plants? The solution to this dilemma can be found in the original

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legislation. The 2007 Energy Act also includes a provision that gives the Department of Energy the authority to impose "other criteria as may be established and published by the Secretary" to select eligible projects for this program. I strongly urge you to insure that the equipment purchased by the automakers are sourced and manufactured in the United States to the maximum extent practicable. This could be a win-win for all manufacturers throughout the United States.

A good model to follow is the U.S./foreign content policy of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im). For Ex-Im, each of the products itemized on an invoice that it supports must be produced or manufactured in the United States. The value of each product must be at least 51 percent of U.S. origin (as defined by labor, material, and components). Ex-Im will only issue a taxpayer-backed loan for the portion of a product that has at least 51 percent U.S. content. This provides a strong monetary incentive to have the highest level of U.S. content in a particular good supported by the U.S. government.

I recognize that in some rare cases, there may not be a U.S. source of a particular piece of tooling equipment sought by the auto industry. In those instances, I would support a waiver but only if appropriate U.S. industry association representatives are notified well in advance that there appears to be no U.S. source of a particular piece of equipment in order to give them sufficient time to find a potential U.S. supplier.

I hope that this can produce a positive result for everyone involved in car and truck manufacturing in America. I look forward to your timely response. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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Donald A. Manzullo
Member of Congress

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September 29, 2008

Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

In a letter dated June 25, 2008, you informed the Committee of the Department of Energy's intent to reprogram \$8,680,331 within the weapons activities appropriation at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Your letter states that the sources for this reprogramming come from a variety of weapons activities sources and will be used to support the Environmental Projects and Operations Program to address a series of regulatory concerns at multiple NNSA sites, including the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, the Kansas City Plant, and Sandia National Laboratories.

The Committee has no objection to your proceeding with these transfers as described in your letter.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
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September 29, 2008

Steve Isakowitz
Chief Financial Officer
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Dear Mr. Isakowitz:

In a letter dated August 28, 2008, you informed the Committee of the Department of Energy's intent to reprogram \$4,350,000 within the weapons activities appropriation. Your letter states that these funds would be reprogrammed to the Directed Stockpile Work account to continue work on the life extension program for the W-76 nuclear warhead. This work will be carried out at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The proposed sources for this reprogramming are Campaigns, and Readiness in the Technical Base and Facilities accounts at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The Committee has no objection to your proceeding with these transfers as described in your letter but urges the Department to restore the funding for the work that was deferred as soon as possible. Moreover, the Committee cautions that the work on the W-76 should move forward deliberately but with full regard to health and safety requirements.

Sincerely,


Carl Levin
Chairman

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVMLP), as well as reiterate the discussion points recently shared with Deputy Secretary Jeff Kupfer. Given the importance and impact of this federal loan program, we are respectfully requesting that the Department of Energy consider a series of prioritization factors when promulgating the final ATVMLP rules.

While these factors may not be 100% all encompassing per se, we believe that they capture and are also consistent with the ATVMLP's legislative intent. To assist with the Department's quantification of these factors, we have offered some recommended benchmarks. These benchmarks will provide ancillary guidance for ATVMLP applicants and staff alike. Details regarding these factors and their related benchmarks are outlined below.

Economic & Job Impacts

- Facilities and/or locations that have received official ceased production or closure status should be given a higher funding preference.
- Automotive assembly plants and their supplier networks that represent a large share of the impacted community's economic and/or workforce base, should be given a higher funding preference.
- Retooling or expanding existing automotive assembly plants, thereby retaining and/or creating employment positions, should be given a higher funding preference.

Suggested Benchmarks: IMPLAN Economic Models, Unemployment Rates, Share of Employment & Income Statistics, WARN Filings, etc.

Production Capacities & Partnerships

- Assembly plants that are the oldest in age; thereby, reducing the carbon footprint associated with new production facilities, should be given a higher funding preference.
- Assembly plants that have demonstrated the highest productivity and performance levels should be given a higher funding preference.
- Assembly plants that offer production platform flexibility and the greatest “speed to market” approach by incorporating innovative retooling applications / technology should be given a higher funding preference.
- Assembly plants that adopt new fuel-efficient production platforms should be given a higher funding preference.

Suggested Benchmarks: Age of Production Facility(s), Recognized Industry Performance Metrics, Quality Awards, Proposed / Approved Production Plans, etc.

Partnerships

- Facilities and/or locations that have documented public / private automotive partnerships should be given a higher funding preference.

Suggested Benchmarks: Active / Engaged Communication, Formalized Task Forces, Proposed / Approved Plans, etc.

ATVMLP Disbursements

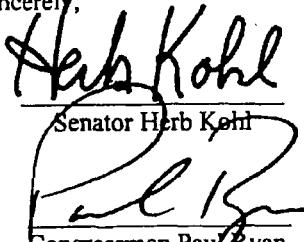
In addition to the aforementioned considerations, the Department should also take into account the following items when determining ATVMLP fund disbursement:

- Per company or location caps, ensuring geographic and/or market share representation.
- Disbursement flexibility, ensuring access to the approved lump sum versus incremental access.
- ATMLP implementation schedule.

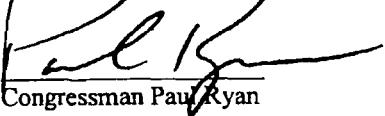
Summary

Secretary Bodman, we appreciate this input opportunity and look forward to an active dialogue about these suggested ATVMLP parameters. After you have reviewed these recommendations, we would appreciate your timely and specific feedback regarding these benchmarks. If you have any questions or wish to further explore these concepts, please do not hesitate to contact us directly. Thank you for your consideration.

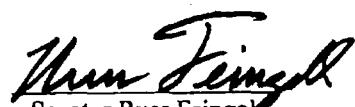
Sincerely,



Senator Herb Kohl



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Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin

cc: Jeff Kupfer, Department of Energy – Deputy Secretary

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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write to express my profound disappointment and anger over the Department of Energy's inability to implement a section of law that is of great importance to not only my constituents, but millions of Americans all across the country.

As you know, Congress recently passed and President Bush signed into law H.R. 2638, the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act. This legislation appropriated \$7.5 billion to commence a program providing \$25 billion in loans to help American automakers. These loans would be used to re-tool factories so that they can produce the next generation vehicles and allow them to meet new fuel efficiency mandates required by the recently enacted energy bill. These loans were authorized by that same energy bill which was passed last year. It seems to me that the Department should have taken initial steps to prepare for the ultimate appropriating of the necessary funds by Congress so that the loans could reach the companies as quickly as possible and they could meet these new mandates designed to make our nation more energy independent.

The appropriating of these funds was a result of intense bipartisan negotiations involving legislators, the administration, and our automakers. A great amount of Congress' work in September was devoted to this issue because of the urgent need to quickly provide funding to our struggling domestic automakers. When these provisions were signed into law, I was quite hopeful that these loans would soon be in the hands of the automakers helping to stabilize their balance sheets and allow them to begin the work of putting more fuel efficient vehicles on the road.

It was my expectation that the Department of Energy would have been thrilled at this opportunity to help our nation's automakers produce more fuel-efficient cars and trucks and thus reduce our energy consumption. The efforts of your department to make these loans available stands in stark contrast to the administration's actions in recent weeks to very quickly take whatever action was necessary to provide assistance to financial services

companies on Wall Street. I anticipated that the Department of Energy would respond similarly to assist domestic automakers.

I read with great disappointment your recent comments that it would be 6-18 months and "well past this administration" before the Department of Energy was ready to issue these loans. I had hoped that the ongoing news of urgent financial challenges facing the domestic automakers would spur you into action. That does not seem to be the case.

In explaining the reason for the delay, you have cited the need to perform certain reviews including studies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It is my understanding that these loans would be used to re-tool existing factories to produce more environmentally-friendly vehicles, so I have doubts as to whether NEPA must come into play. However, if there are certain legislative steps that would help speed the delivery of these loans, I would urge you to contact me as quickly as possible with what those steps may be.

Congress is expected to reconvene following the election in early November. Items on the agenda will include actions to help stimulate our economy. This would also be an appropriate time to consider any legislation to assist expediting these loans.

I look forward to hearing from you promptly, and I look forward to receiving your assistance in helping get these loans into the automakers hands as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Candice S. Miller
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

October 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to express interest in the recently funded program to provide loans to automobile and component manufacturers to produce advanced technology vehicles. As the Department of Energy implements this important program, I am requesting to be kept informed on how the program is being implemented to ensure it meets its intended purposes.

This program is designed to encourage the development of new, advanced technologies, with the goal of producing vehicles with increased fuel efficiency. With these new loans, automobile and component manufacturers will be able to advance their technology development and increase our energy security.

The potential benefits of this program are significant for our environment and for our economy. It is critical that this program reflect consultation with all automotive manufacturers in the United States and that the program comprehend the participation of all such automotive manufacturers that meet the program's technological objectives. If either of these criteria is not met it will limit either the scope of technology advancement fostered or the magnitude of the economic impact.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you and the Department.

Sincerely,

BART GORDON
Member of Congress

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November 12, 2008

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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
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Bear Mr. Secretary:

The Idaho congressional delegation strongly supports the application of AREVA NC, Inc., for a \$2 billion loan guarantee for its planned uranium enrichment facility in Bonneville County, Idaho. Our support is based on three principal points: (i) that the project is needed to advance critical U.S. energy policy objectives; (ii) that a guarantee for the project should expose the Department to only minimal financial risk; and (iii) that without the guarantee, the project may well not succeed.

The AREVA facility is vital to future U.S. enrichment capacity. As you know, U.S. demand for enrichment services is expected to increase substantially in future years. Studies show U.S. capacity is forecasted to expand as well, but a substantial shortfall is expected. The AREVA project is expected to account for almost 23 percent of planned U.S. future capacity and, because the plant is modular, it can easily be expanded to increase that percentage. Without the project, the U.S. will rely to an increasing degree on foreign imports. If the project succeeds it will reduce that reliance and contribute to the diversification of U.S. companies and facilities that make up the U.S. supply mix. Such diversification will enhance security of supply, increase price competition, and provide assurance that the U.S. will be a major participant in the development and use of AREVA's premier enrichment technology -- the proven ETC technology that is now used in several European facilities.

A guarantee for the project can be issued at reasonable financial risk to the federal government. The ETC technology has a proven track record of safety, reliability, and economic success; thus minimizing the project and regulatory risk associated with the facility. Moreover, AREVA is a company with widely regarded economic strength. In addition, a substantial amount of the plant's capacity has already been contracted to future customers. In short, the risk of an AREVA default on any guaranteed loan should be minimal.

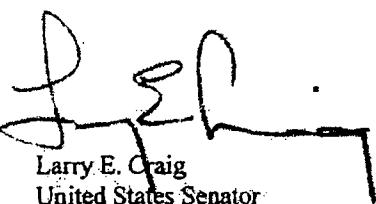
It is appropriate that the Department's solicitation makes "creditworthiness of the project" the most important selection criterion for reviewing guarantee

applications. Given the importance of loan guarantees to the future of nuclear power, and the clear need for additional guarantee authority if the nuclear renaissance is to be realized, it is vital that the Department implement its current guarantee authority in the most prudent manner possible. A guarantee for the AREVA project would be consistent with that level of prudence.

Notwithstanding the low risk of default a guarantee is needed to assure adequate financing for the project and its ultimate success. The current credit crisis is likely to put in jeopardy many long-term nuclear projects. Even in better times, the ability of project sponsors to finance projects like this one in the United States is untested and may be subject to serious obstacles. We are concerned that, without a guarantee, credit will not be available for the project, or will be available on such burdensome terms that the project's success cannot be assured. Put simply, the fate of the project may well be tied to the fate of the guarantee AREVA is seeking.

The Department has an opportunity, through the issuance of a loan guarantee for the Bonneville County facility, to advance a project that is vital to the U.S. nuclear energy future. The AREVA project should proceed with minimal financial risk to the federal government and in a manner that will enhance the future of the loan guarantee program itself. Finally, we are concerned that if the guarantee is not issued, the project and the objectives intended for it will be seriously jeopardized. For these reasons, we support AREVA's guarantee application and urge the Department to act favorably on it. We look forward to your prompt reply.

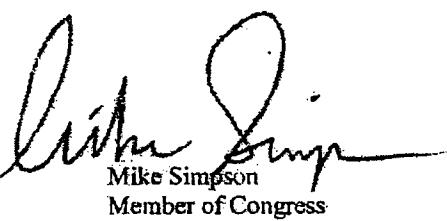
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1. **Joint letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman and Ed Schafer, Secretary of Agriculture from Chairman Jeff Bingaman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources**

Subject: Requesting the Department of Energy and Department Agriculture response to questions regarding biofuels

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2. **Letter addressed to Secretary Samual W. Bodman from Chairman Edward J. Markey with 11 pre-hearing questions to assist Committee Members in preparing for Secretary Bodman's May 22, 2008, hearing**

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3. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Subject: Urging the President to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to provide timely relief to American consumers and businesses

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4. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Richard J. Durbin (D-IL)**

Subject: Conveying a message to the Secretary to reconsider his termination of the futureGen project in Mattoon, Illinois, and reinstate the Department's contract with the FutureGen Alliance

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5. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell and Representative Fed Upton, Committee on Energy and Commerce**

Subject: Request answer to two (2) specific questions relating to DOE's implementation of Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

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May 12, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
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The Honorable Ed Schafer
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Dear Secretary Bodman and Secretary Schafer:

I am concerned about recent suggestions that developed countries' biofuels policies might be responsible for the global increase in food prices. In the United States, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) was first enacted in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The RFS, combined with the phase out of MTBE as a blending component for gasoline, led to a rapid increase in production of ethanol and, to a lesser extent, biodiesel. In December 2007, Congress and the President enacted a new and higher RFS that will require 9 billion gallons of renewable fuels to be blended into our fuel supply in 2008.

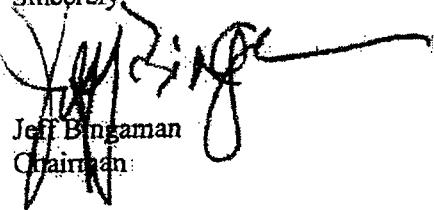
It is imperative that Congress gain a more full understanding of any link between domestic and international food prices, and the Renewable Fuel Standard. I would like your departments to work together to answer the following questions:

- How has increased U.S. ethanol and biodiesel consumption affected domestic agriculture, and domestic food prices?
- Has increased ethanol and biodiesel consumption in the United States contributed to increased global prices for agricultural goods? And, if so, to what extent?
- How might increased biodiesel consumption, as required by EISA beginning in 2009, affect domestic and international food prices?
- How has increased ethanol and biodiesel consumption affected gasoline and diesel prices?
- What price levels for gasoline and diesel would be expected if biofuels were removed from the market, both in the short- and long-term?
- What affect are biofuels expected to have on gasoline and diesel markets as consumption increases to meet the targets laid out in EISA?

While I recognize that these are complex questions, Congress may be called upon to address related legislative proposals in the near future. I would appreciate receiving your analysis by May 30, 2008.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
Chairman

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Select Committee on
Energy Independence and Global Warming
 U.S. House of Representatives

May 6, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

In preparation for your appearance before the Select Committee on May 22, 2008, please address the following pre-hearing questions to assist Committee Members in preparing for the hearing. The Select Committee requests your response to the following questions:

1. Does the Administration have authority to suspend the fill of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) based on the market price of oil?
2. Does the Administration have authority to swap light, sweet crude oil out of the SPR for heavier, sour oil?
3. Does the Administration have authority to fill the SPR by acquiring a steady dollar value ("dollar-cost-averaging") rather than acquiring a steady volume of oil?
4. Should the size of the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve be expanded?
5. Should the United States establish a strategic reserve for any other type of refined petroleum product?
6. Over the past 10 years, how much has U.S. refining capacity increased or decreased in barrels of oil per day? Please provide an annual summary for each of the last ten years of the average U.S. refining capacity in barrels per day.
7. Section 804 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) requires the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration (EIA) to review and analyze information of refinery outages to determine whether any such outage "may nationally or regionally affect the price or supply of any refined petroleum product" and submit a report to the Secretary "not less frequently than twice each year." Has the EIA performed such an analysis and submitted a report?
8. Is the Department aware of any coordinated refinery outages in the United States at any point over the past 15 years?
9. Section 432 of EISA requires federal agencies to designate energy managers to reduce energy use at each large building or facility six months after EISA enactment. What progress has the DOE made in implementing this provision and meeting Section 432's requirement that energy and water evaluations be carried out within eighteen months after the date of enactment?

10. Section 421 of EISA requires that the Department of Energy appoint a Director for the Office of Commercial High-Performance Green buildings. What progress has the Department made in carrying out this Section?
11. Section 421 (f)(1) of EISA requires that the Director of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings formally recognize one or more groups as a high-performance green building partnership consortium within 90 days of enactment. What progress has DOE made in carrying out this section as required by law?

Please provide your answers by 10 a.m. on May 21, 2008 so that Committee Members may have a chance to review them prior to the hearing. I look forward to your appearance before the Committee. Should you have any questions about this request, please have your staff contact Mr. Morgan Gray at (202) 225-4012. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Markey
Chairman

cc: Mr. James Sensenbrenner
Ranking Member



Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House

July 8, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The severe energy price crisis facing millions of Americans compels strong presidential action to assist consumers and strengthen the economy. Two months ago, after initially opposing our proposal to suspend government purchases of high-priced oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR), you signed our bipartisan legislation into law.

But further action is needed to protect our economy. I call on you to use your authority as President to draw down a small portion of the oil held in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in order to expand available supplies and help reduce the record prices that are helping push the economy toward recession.

Since your Administration took office, the price of oil has increased from less than \$30 per barrel to a recent record high of nearly \$150, and the price of gasoline has risen from \$1.47 per gallon to a record high of \$4.11 per gallon. The destabilizing impact of these price increases, driven both by market forces and by excessive speculation, have been devastating to tens of millions of Americans and businesses – and to our larger economy as a whole. These are the kinds of circumstances, in addition to national security conditions, in which utilization of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is more than justified.

As you are aware, there is nothing new or untested about releasing oil from the Reserve or deferring purchases during times of economic instability. You have done it yourself – as have President Clinton and President George H.W. Bush:

- **1990-1991 Desert Shield/Storm Drawdown.** President George H.W. Bush withdrew oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve ahead of the first Gulf War on January 17, 1991. The Administration conducted a 4 million barrel test sale in August 1990 and a Presidential-order drawdown of 17 million barrels in January 1991. According to the Energy Department, “The rapid decision to release crude oil from government-controlled stocks in the United States and other OECD countries helped calm the global oil market, and prices began to moderate. When the 1991 SPR drawdown was announced in conjunction

with Operation Desert Storm, the price of oil immediately dropped \$8 per barrel." [Emphasis added, White House 2003 assessment of SPR]

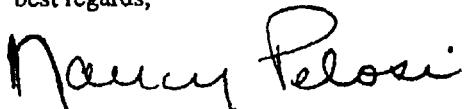
- **2000 Swap in the Face of Rising Prices.** In late 2000, President Bill Clinton authorized a swap of oil in which 30 million barrels were released from the SPR to address rising oil prices and alleviate the threat of a home heating oil crisis due to low inventories. The MIT expert testified: "The results were immediate, in spite of the fact that oil prices had not yet moved into the market – demonstrating the psychological impacts on the market when the U.S. signals its intention to act. . . By the end of the year, actual oil prices had dropped from \$30.94 to \$20.38 per barrel, a 34% decrease." [Emphasis added, Testimony of Melanie Kenderdine, Select Committee on Energy and Global Warming, 4/24/08]
- **2005 Hurricane Katrina, Drawdown.** Your Administration also offered 30 million gallons of SPR oil (only 11 million gallons were actually withdrawn), helping reduce crude prices by about \$5 a barrel. [Investor's Business Daily editorial, 3/8/08]

Releasing oil from the Reserve is a tool to manage our national and economic security, and when judiciously used will in no way jeopardize national security. The Reserve is currently 97 percent full – the highest level ever – with enough oil to meet our national security needs. We have more oil in the SPR than we did in 2006 (702 million barrels vs. 688 million in 2006) when you deferred deliveries stating: "Our Strategic Reserve is sufficiently large enough to guard against any major supply disruption over the next few months." The current inventory exceeds our International Energy Program commitment to maintain at least 90 days of oil stocks in reserve (when you include private and public stocks, as other countries do).

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, oil from SPR deployment can enter the market 13 days after a Presidential decision. Deploying a small portion of the resources in the SPR would provide much needed assistance to American consumers facing record prices and help our economy during a serious period of instability. I strongly urge you to use every available tool, including deployment of the SPR, to provide timely relief for American consumers and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent request.

best regards,


NANCY PELOSI
Speaker of the House

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August 1, 2008

The Honorable Sam Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Yesterday, I met with Jeffrey Kupfer, the Acting Deputy Secretary of Energy, at his request. I asked him to convey a message.

Simply put, that message is you should reconsider your termination of the FutureGen project in Mattoon, Illinois, and reinstate the Department's contract with the FutureGen Alliance.

We know your position on FutureGen, Mr. Secretary. And the Illinois Delegation firmly rejects it. Let's agree to allow the next Administration to decide the fate of this innovative project. Extending the contract you recently terminated is the right thing to do for our nation's energy policy.

I'm aware of Mr. Kupfer's nomination as well as the recent nomination of James A. Slutz to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy). Without an indication of support from your Department for moving forward with the FutureGen project – the President's signature clean coal initiative – or, at least, extending the contract, I will be unable to help confirm these nominations.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator

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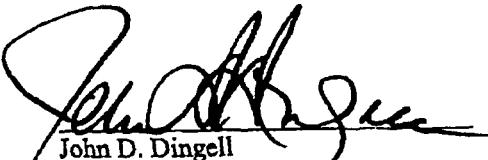
Dear Secretary Bodman:

We appreciate your ongoing leadership on energy issues and request your assistance on a pressing matter related to Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). We are concerned about the department's ability to distribute loans by January 2009.

- Absent any changes to the current law, will the Department of Energy be able to issue a rulemaking in expedited fashion to ensure distribution of loans by January 2009?
- How long will it take before the Department of Energy is able to disburse these loans, once funds are appropriated?

We appreciate your prompt response to this request. Please provide your answers no later than Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
 Chairman



Fred Upton
 Member

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EE)

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1. Letter to Sameul W. Bodman from Representative Allyson Y. Schwartz

Subject: Representative Allyson Schwartz urges the Department of Energy to consider funding the City of Philadelphia's proposal for a Solar America Initiative Market Transformation Grant, and requests to be advised of the decision and status of this application

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000544 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 15-Jan-2008 12:11PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |

2. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter Senators Jack Reed and Thirty-five Members of Congress

Subject: Senator Jack Reed and Thirty-five Other Members of Congress urges President Bush to release the Low Income Housing and Energy Assistance Program contingency funds

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000686 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 17-Jan-2008 10:51AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | |

3. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter from Representative Vito Fossella

Subject: Representative Vito Fossella urges President Bush to release the \$599 million in Federal contingency funds from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000692 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 17-Jan-2008 11:27AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | |

4. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter from Senator George V. Voinovich

Subject: Senator George Voinovich urges President Bush to release the \$586 million in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program contingency funds that was recently appropriated in the Omnibus Appropriations bill

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000693 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 17-Jan-2008 11:34AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | |

5. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter from Senator Joe Lieberman and Representatives Rosa L. DeLaura, John B. Larson, Joe Courtney, and Christopher S. Murphy

Subject: Senator Joe Lieberman and Four Members of Congress requests President Bush to release oil from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve and release available contingency funding from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000694 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 17-Jan-2008 11:38AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | |

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6. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Jim Costa and Chairwoman Subcommittee on Insular Affairs Donna M. Christensen

Subject: Jim Costa and Donna M. Christensen requests to obtain detailed data regarding the Department of Energy's activities concerning the energy challenges with respect to the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia & the Republic of Palau

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000951 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Date Created: | 24-Jan-2008 10:39AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-May-2008 |

7. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Harry Reid

Subject: Senator Harry Reid requests the Department of Energy to continue to provide funding to the University of Nevada Las Vegas Research Foundation(UNLV) in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008, encloses a document prepared by UNLV highlighting their efforts on DOE-sponsored solar hydrogen generation research

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000992 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Jan-2008 9:19AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 13-Feb-2008 |

8. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman (cc) from Chairman Jim Costa and Chairwoman Donna M.

Christensen

Subject: Representatives Donna M. Christensen and Jim Costa forwards letter to Jim Nussle, OMB, urging President Bush to carry out Insular Area energy feasibility studies under Energy Policy Act of 2005 in FY 2009 budget.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001320 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 01-Feb-2008 10:01AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Feb-2008 |

9. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Ron Wyden, Lisa Murkowski, Harry Reid, Larry Craig, Jeff Bingaman, Gordon Smith, Ken Salazar, Mike Crapo, Bernard Sanders, Orrin Hatch, Daniel Akaka, and Jon Tester

Subject: Twelve Members of Congress urging the DOE to initiate a broad new advanced geothermal energy research program as authorized and directed by the Energy Independence and Security Act, HR 6

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001382 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 04-Feb-2008 9:56AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Feb-2008 |

10. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mary L. Landrieu, Representatives Charlie Melancon and Charles Boustany

Subject: Senator Mary Landrieu, Representatives Charlie Melancon and Charles Boustany requests a full briefing by DOE concerning what actions the Department is making to promote and advance cellulosic ethanol production from sugar cane waste, fiber cane & other such crops that thrive in the coastal regions around the Gulf of Mexico, including the State of Louisiana

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002226 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 10:06AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

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11. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Bill Shuster

Subject: Representative Bill Shuster request that DOE consider issuing additional IDIQ contracts for qualified small businesses under the Federal Energy Management Program's Energy Savings Performance Contracts.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002249 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 1:32PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

12. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Robert C. Byrd

Subject: Senator Robert C. Byrd requests an update on the Project Management Center activities on long-term plans and vision on future EERE collaboration at the National Technology Energy Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002472 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 27-Feb-2008 8:40AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |

13. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Allyson Schwartz

Subject: Representative Allyson Schwartz urges the President to fund programs that help reduce our Nation's dependence on foreign energy sources as he finalize his FY09 budget

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002558 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 28-Feb-2008 9:24AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

14. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Robert P. Casey

Subject: Senator Robert P. Casey regarding the treatment of small businesses under the Department of Energy Federal Energy Management Program's Energy Savings Performance Contracts

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003267 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 14-Mar-2008 9:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Mar-2008 |

15. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Jason Altmire

Subject: Representative Jason Altmire requests assistance with treatment of small businesses under the Department of Energy Federal Energy Management Program's Energy Savings Performance Contracts

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004206 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 26-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Apr-2008 9:34AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Apr-2008 |

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16. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Gabrielle Giffords, Mike Ross, Raul Grijalva, John Shimkus, Jim Gerlach and Vito Fossella**
Subject: Representatives Gabrielle Giffords, Mike Ross, Raul Grijalva, John Shimkus, Jim Gerlack and Vito Fossella encourages the Department of Energy to move forward with Li-S research and development
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004591 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Apr-2008 9:45AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Apr-2008 |
17. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Hill, LaHood, Kind, Bartlett, Butterfield, Dent, Shimkus, McCotter, Senators Thune, Voinovich, Lugar, Inhofe, and Bayh**
Subject: Writing in support of the Department of Energy's Heavy Truck Engine programs
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004850 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 23-Apr-2008 10:01AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 05-May-2008 |
18. **Fax to EE/Andy Karsner from Representative Sue Myrick**
Subject: Expresses concerns with proposed budget cut of the Renewable Hydrogen program
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004978 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Apr-2008 2:20PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 16-May-2008 |
19. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Ranking Member Olympia J. Snowe, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship**
Subject: Writing regarding the participation of small businesses under the DOE's Federal Energy Management - Energy Savings Performance Contracts program
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005426 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 09-May-2008 10:57AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Aug-2008 |
20. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The Hawaii Congressional Delegation: Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Daniel K. Akaka, and Representatives Neil Abercrombie and Mazie K. Hirono**
Subject: Writes concerning the Sections 228 and 232(a)(4) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; urges the Department of Energy to invest appropriate resources to develop the algae-based biomass and biofuel initiatives program
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005742 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 05-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 8:52AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Jun-2008 |

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21. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Harry Reid (D-NV), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Jon Tester (D-MT), Larry Craig (R-ID), Daniel Akaka (D-HI), and Mike Crapo (R-ID)**
Subject: Urging the Department of Energy to revise or supplement its Funding Opportunity Announcement for advanced geothermal energy technology, and implement the geothermal program as authorized and directed by Title VI of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007487 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 14-Jul-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 15-Jul-2008 10:59AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 25-Jul-2008
22. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative John D. Dingell (D-MI)**
Subject: Urging the Department of Energy to accelerate the rulemaking for Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program designed to spur the development of advanced vehicles that meet aggressive pollution reduction and fuel economy standards.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008436 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 04-Aug-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 05-Aug-2008 7:32AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 08-Aug-2008
23. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators E. Benjamin Nelson (D-NE) and Susan M. Collins (R-ME)**
Subject: Asking that the President take steps which will demonstrate that the federal government is resolved to help ease the pain so many Americans are feeling at the pump by increasing the requirement for federal fleet to reduce its petroleum consumption
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008873 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 06-Aug-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 15-Aug-2008 9:21AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 08-Oct-2008
24. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Lisa Murkowski**
Subject: Requesting update of DOE's progress in writing regulations to implement two of the provisions passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (PL. 110-140).
Control Number: EXEC-2008-009330 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 29-Jul-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 26-Aug-2008 11:32AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 08-Sep-2008
25. **Joint letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman and to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson from John D. Dingell (D-MI), Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce**
Subject: Expresses concern regarding whether the testing protocols for appliance efficiency accurately and reliably measure the energy consumption of the appliances being tested for purposes of awarding Energy Star labels
Control Number: EXEC-2008-010606 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 25-Sep-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 25-Sep-2008 10:29AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 06-Oct-2008

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26. Letter Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator John Kerry

Subject: Thanks the Department of Energy for its efforts to implement the energy efficiency and renewable energy provisions contained in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) and also to inquire about DOE's compliance with the timetable for executing Section 432 of EISA

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010845 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Oct-2008 11:44AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Oct-2008 |

27. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Joe Wilson (R-SC)

Subject: Urging prompt attention/action in avoiding further delays of a contract to repower existing Savannah River Site (SRS) DOE facilities with renewable energy resources.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010988 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 02-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 9:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |

28. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator James M. Inhofe (R-OK)

Subject: Requesting status update on the Department's effort to award the new DOE umbrella contract ("recompete") for the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) program which would increase competition and ensure a broader array of qualified contractors.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011391 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 21-Oct-2008 11:19AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 31-Oct-2008 |

29. Joint letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman and IRS Commissioner Douglas Shulman from Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Subject: Senator Feinstein request that DOE and IRS coordinate efforts to promote the purchase of energy efficiency water heating equipment in 2009

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011430 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 20-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Oct-2008 9:40AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Nov-2008 |

30. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators John Thune (R-SD), Charles Grassley, Richard Lugar, Christopher Bond, George Voinovich, Norm Colman, E. Benjamin Nelson, Jeff Bingaman, Tom Harkins, Richard Durbin, Ken Salazar, Tim Johnson, Amy Klobuc

Subject: Encouraging DOE to direct additional funds to the Vehicle Technologies and/or Biomass Programs to expand, improve and accelerate the testing of intermediate ethanol blends; also explore any methodologies that could expedite the testing process.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011710 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 28-Oct-2008 10:42AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Nov-2008 |

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RE: City of Philadelphia proposal for a Solar America Initiative Market Transformation Grant

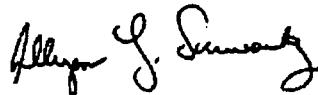
Dear Secretary Bodman:

The City of Philadelphia has applied to the U.S. Department of Energy for a Solar America Initiative Market Transformation grant for the Solar Philadelphia Initiative. This regional partnership, comprised of local government, businesses, community organizations, utilities, and colleges and universities, will develop a plan to reduce the technical and institutional obstacles that hinder the incorporation of solar energy technology by the commercial, residential, and public sectors in Philadelphia. The City will also partner with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Energy Independence Strategy designed to encourage market transformation in the state's renewable energy industry.

The benefit to my district and the City will be an increase in the amount of renewable energy that is generated within the City by reducing the obstacles to the siting of commercial and residential scale solar energy projects and by providing guidance for solar energy installers and developers. The Solar Philadelphia Initiative will enable the City to meet its commitment to increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

I urge you to consider funding the City of Philadelphia's Solar Philadelphia Initiative application, to let me know when a decision about the grant has been made, and to advise me of the status of the application. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my District Director, Julie Slavet, at 215-517-6572. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Allyson Y. Schwartz
Member of Congress

Cc Darlene Messina, City of Philadelphia

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE REFERRAL

January 15, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2007

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JACK REED'
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RELEASE THE LOW INCOME HOUSING
AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINGENCY FUNDS
IMMEDIATELY

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 21, 2007

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Consolidated Appropriations bill for FY2008 included \$2.57 billion in funding for the Low Income Housing and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), including \$586 million in contingency funds to be released at your discretion. We are writing to urge you to release the LIHEAP funds immediately. The high energy prices facing consumers and the severe weather of the past few weeks warrant this release.

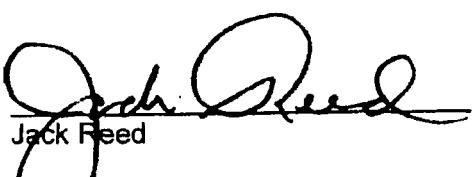
This winter, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that households can expect to pay between 10 to 22 percent more for heating fuels than during the 2006-2007 winter, and many of these families are carrying energy debt from previous years. As such, states need additional funding immediately to reduce the energy burden on families, individuals with disabilities, and senior citizens to ensure their health and safety through the cold winter months.

Between FY2003 and FY2007 the number of households receiving LIHEAP assistance increased by 26 percent from 4.6 million to about 5.8 million or about 15.6 percent of the eligible population. During this same period, the federal appropriation increased by only 10 percent with the resulting average grant declining from \$349 to \$305. Unfortunately, energy prices are not decreasing proportionally, but instead continue to rise. Home heating prices are projected by the EIA to reach almost \$1,000 this year for the typical family, an increase of almost 80 percent higher than the average cost of home heating during the winter of 2001-02. As a result, there has been a significant decrease in the program's purchasing power. According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, states are planning to reduce the number of households served by about 15 percent in the absence of additional federal and supplemental state funding. The result would be a decline in the number of households served from about 5.8 million in FY2007 to 4.9 million.

LIHEAP is vital to protecting the public health and safety of low-income families. According to the Children's Sentinel Nutrition Assessment Program (C-SNAP) out of Boston Medical Center, babies and toddlers who live in energy insecure households are more likely to suffer poor health, require hospitalization, manifest developmental problems, and lack adequate food. C-SNAP found that when families do not have access to sufficient energy, they may resort to unsafe heating methods and do not have the proper means to refrigerate or prepare food for their children. In addition, without a sufficient LIHEAP benefit, seniors living on fixed incomes often have to decide between buying life-saving prescriptions and paying utility bills. For individuals and households that may have to face these difficult choices, LIHEAP makes a real difference in their ability to cope with adverse circumstances.

We request that your Administration release the \$586 million in FY2008 LIHEAP contingency funds that were recently approved by Congress to help low-income seniors and families with their home energy expenses during a winter that has already seen a significant share of severe winter weather and cold conditions and promises only to get colder.

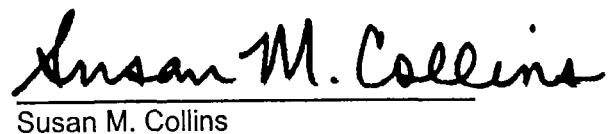
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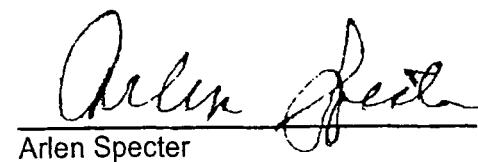
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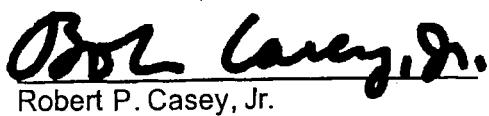
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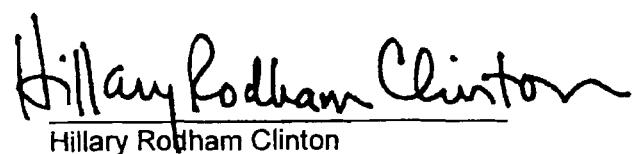
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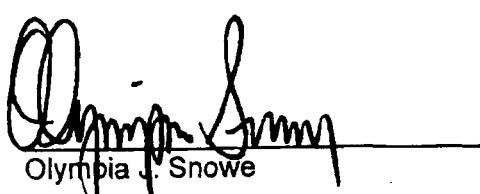
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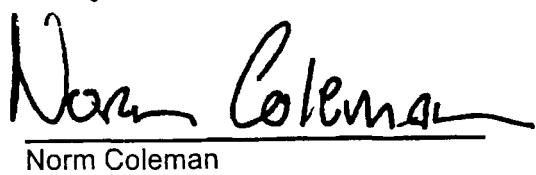
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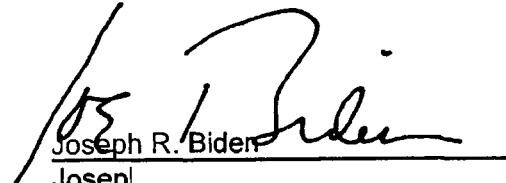
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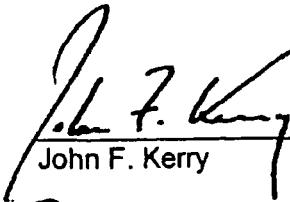


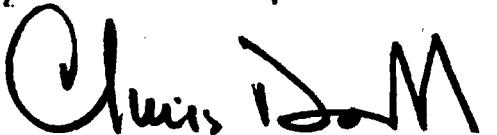
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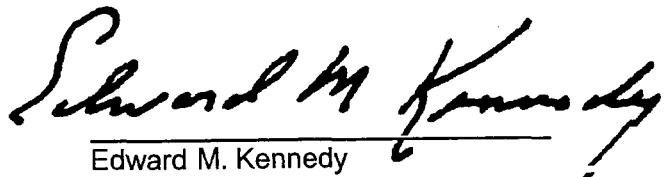


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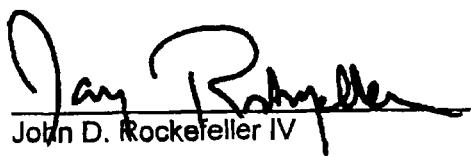
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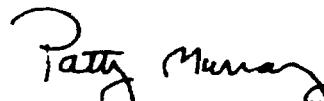

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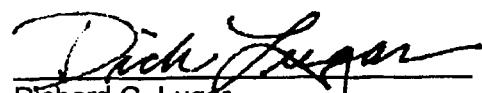

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January 16, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT JANUARY 03, 2008
DATE:

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: VITO FOSSELLA
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RELEASE THE \$599 MILLION IN FEDERAL
CONTINGENCY FUNDS FROM THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

COMMENTS:

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**Congress of the United States
 House of Representatives
 Vito Fossella
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January 3, 2008

President George W. Bush
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I write to respectfully urge you to take action against the combined threat of extremely low temperatures and rising energy prices in the Northeast. If conditions persist, price spikes and supply shortages could negatively impact Northeast energy markets and literally leave people out in the freezing cold. To address this problem, I urge you to release \$530 million in federal contingency funds from the Low Income Home Energy Efficiency Program (LIHEAP).

Many seniors on fixed-incomes and those who depend on Social Security during the winter tip they have enough money up to heat their homes but buy other necessities like groceries and medications. X just if x buy less heating oil than before. I know many do not have the extra money to keep their homes warm. Releasing these LIHEAP contingency funds will make it easier for Staten Islanders to stay warm through the winter months.

With the recent price increases in heating oil, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) is estimating that families will spend 33 percent more this year on heating oil than last year. In New York City alone, additional funding will help reduce the financial burden on families, especially those with disabilities and those receiving Federal Emergency Relief (FEB) projects. The projected cost of heating oil for a family of four in New York City during the winter of 2001-02 is approximately 91 percent higher than the previous year.

Releasing these contingency funds will help ensure that current temperatures are not imposed on New York and the rest of the Northeast. Thank you for your consideration.

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Vito Fossella
 Member of Congress

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January 16, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: GEORGE VOINOVICH
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RELEASE THE \$586 MILLION IN THE
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
CONTINGENCY FUNDS THAT WAS RECENTLY APPROPRIATED IN
THE OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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United States Senate
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

January 9, 2008

The President
 The White House
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that households could pay substantially more for heating fuels this winter than during the 2006-07 winter. In fact, in my home state of Ohio, an estimated 60,000 families living in Appalachia and rural northwestern Ohio have seen the cost of propane and fuel oil, which they use to heat their homes, increase by 22 percent and 17 percent, respectively, in the past year. This coming winter the EIA forecasts prices in the Midwest for propane and heating oil will increase 21.8 percent and 33 percent, respectively.

As a result, nationwide applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) have increased by 37 percent from 4.6 million in 2006-07 to 5.8 million in 2007-08. Indeed, just over half of the program's 48 million applicants were for the heating season, which begins in October and ends in March. LIHEAP is a vital program that helps low-income families pay their heating bills and begin the new heating season. It is also a key part of the Omnibus Appropriations Act.

But we must be aware, as energy costs continue to rise, that the impact of higher energy prices on low-income families is significant. The cost of heating oil has increased by nearly 20 percent since last fall, and it is projected to rise further this winter. This is particularly concerning for elderly citizens, who are often less able to afford heating oil than younger people. It is important that we take steps to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable heating oil, especially those in rural areas where alternative sources of heat may be less available or more expensive.

We must also address the issue of energy efficiency. While it is important to invest in renewable energy sources like wind and solar power, we must also focus on ways to reduce energy waste and increase energy efficiency. This can be done through programs like the Energy Star program, which encourages consumers to purchase more energy-efficient products. It is also important to encourage businesses to adopt energy-efficient practices, such as using LED lighting and improving insulation.

Sincerely,

George V. Voinovich
 Senator from Ohio

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DOCUMENT DATE: JANUARY 04, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOE UEBERMAN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO RELEASE OIL FROM THE
NORTHEAST HOME HEATING OIL RESERVE (NEHHOR) AND
RELEASE AVAILABLE CONTINGENCY FUNDING FROM THE LOW
INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
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January 4, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

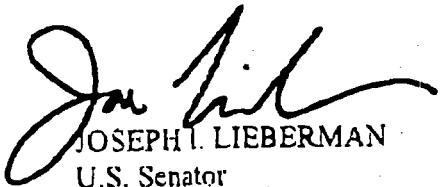
In light of the December Nor'easter in New England and temperatures that are continuing to drop, we urge you to provide economic relief to families in Connecticut who depend on heating oil to stay warm this winter. Specifically, we request you to release oil from the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve (NEHHOR) and release available contingency funding from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

As you know, Connecticut, along with much of the Northeast, is vulnerable to fuel oil shortages and price spikes during winter months due to the high demand for home heating. According to the Energy Information Administration, residential heating oil prices are projected to average \$3.23 per gallon this heating season, a 30-percent increase over the previous heating season. Since half of Connecticut's households are dependent on fuel oil as their primary energy source for home heating, we have growing concerns about the impact sharp increases in fuel prices and expected cold weather conditions will have on these families.

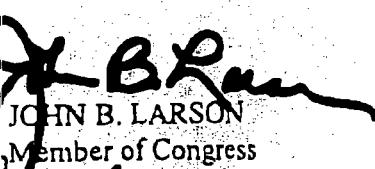
The recent snow storms in New England have only added to families' energy burdens and created a potentially dangerous situation for those who cannot afford to adequately heat their homes this winter. With more than 2,000 barrels in the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, we respectfully request you authorize releasing oil to provide much needed economic relief to the region. Furthermore, we request you immediately release Low-Income Energy Assistance Program contingency funds to help Connecticut families stay warm this winter.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and we looking forward to your response.

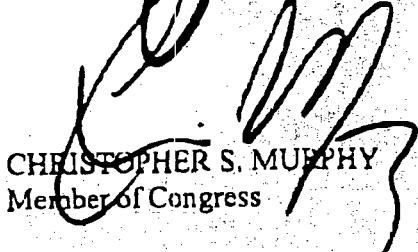
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JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN
U.S. Senator


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Member of Congress


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Member of Congress


JOE COURTNEY
Member of Congress


CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY
Member of Congress

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

January 23, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

As the Chairs of the House Natural Resources Subcommittees on Energy and Mineral Resources and Insular Affairs, we share a strong interest in ensuring that the federal government provides adequate resources and assistance to the United States territories and freely associated states in order to help them make progress towards solving their significant energy challenges. We believe the Department of Energy is an invaluable partner in that effort, particularly since our goal of providing "reliable, clean, and affordable energy" to the territories and freely associated states fits squarely within the Department's core mission.

In preparation of a more in-depth examination of the role the Department of Energy has already played in assisting the territories and freely associated states, as well as the opportunities that exist for future action on the Department's part, we would like to obtain detailed data regarding the Department of Energy's activities with respect to the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. This

In providing this data, please include all direct financial, technical, or other assistance to the listed territories and Freely associated states, and indicate whether it was provided through the State Energy Program, the 48 U.S.C. 1492(g) technical assistance program, or a different Department of Energy program. Please also detail the contribution of the Department of Energy to the recent update of the Territorial Energy Assessment, which was prepared by the Secretary of the Interior under the direction of Section 251 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as well as any other collaborative activities between the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior with regards to the insular areas and freely associated states.

The Honorable Samuel **Bodman**

January 23, 2008

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If you have any questions about this request, please have your staff contact Steve **Feldgus** of the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee staff at 202-225-9297.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Jim Costa
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources


Donna M. Christensen
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Insular Affairs

cc: The Honorable Dirk Kempthome, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

January 16, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write you today to bring to your attention an important area of renewable energy research that was identified for funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Omnibus). With additional research, solar power can eventually become a cost-effective, non-greenhouse gas emitting resource for generating hydrogen.

In the Statement of Managers that accompanied the Omnibus, Congress directed the Department to use funds from solar energy programs for the "demonstration of thermo-chemical processes in conjunction with high-temperature solar facilities for hydrogen production." I am hopeful that the Department will again choose to provide funding to the University of Nevada Las Vegas Research Foundation (UNLV), as the best qualified and most competent institution in this field, to continue its work on the Solar Thermochemical Hydrogen Generation Project.

Since 2003, UNLV has worked on an aggressive timeline to develop economically feasible approaches to solar thermochemical production of hydrogen, and has met a series of important milestones to this end. Recognizing the importance of UNLV's research, in its report to accompany the FY 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the Senate Appropriations Committee provided UNLV with \$4 million to continue work on solar thermochemical production of hydrogen. Considering the significant increases in funding for the Department's work on solar energy for FY 2008 over prior years, I am hopeful that you will provide at least the \$4 million that would have been provided for this project had the FY 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill been enacted.

I have enclosed for your information a document prepared by UNLV highlighting their efforts on DOE-sponsored solar hydrogen generation research. I appreciate your attention to this groundbreaking research. If I can answer any questions that you may have about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me (or Chris Miller/Alex McDonough on my staff).

Sincerely,

HARRY REID
United States Senator



January 15, 2008

The Solar Hydrogen Generation Research (SHGR) project identifies and demonstrates high-efficiency, competitive-cost, solar-powered concepts for the production of hydrogen from water. Solar-powered, thermo-chemical water splitting produces hydrogen using only water, heat from the sun, and chemicals that are completely **re-cycled** so that only hydrogen and oxygen are produced and only water is consumed in the cycle.

UNLV has established an organization to manage and integrate its multi-partner renewable energy projects. Called the Office of Strategic Energy Programs (OSEP), its mission is to assist in the **seamless** execution of major solar, hydrogen, bio-fuels and photonics **R&D** projects involving UNLV and other academic and research institutions, DOE national laboratories, and industrial partners. OSEP is also **responsible** for planning and execution of UNLV's annual Renewable Energy Conference, featuring presentations and seminars from national experts on a variety of renewable topics, drawing participants from across the country.

Furthermore, UNLV organized its renewable energy research efforts with emphasis on the materials research component that has a primary focus on solar applications. There are many already existing activities in materials research at UNLV as well as on the many activities in solar technologies and applications.

UNLV's OSEP has developed an expertise to manage large projects such as the Solar Generation Research project that is also perfectly aligned with UNLV's overall renewable research concept. The new funding for SHGR will be integrated into UNLV's research and help save unnecessary costs such as consultant and management fees from outside **entities** **should** the project reside at UNLV. Also, the setup of **sub-contracts** through UNLV will make this a true UNLV project with outside entities as partners that weigh in their expertise.

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

January 23, 2008

The Honorable Jim Nussle
Director
The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Nussle,

We are writing to respectfully request that the President include funding for carrying out Insular Area energy feasibility studies under Section 252 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT; P.L 109-58) in his Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

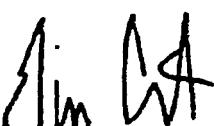
Section 252 of EPACT directs the Secretary of Energy to conduct feasibility studies of projects designed to address the energy challenges faced by the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. These studies are to be carried out upon request of an electric utility located in one of those insular areas, when that utility commits to covering ten percent of the study cost.

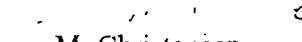
Multiple insular areas, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam, have indicated an interest in applying for these grants in order to help reduce their dependence on imported fossil fuels. Unfortunately, money has yet to be budgeted for this program: delaying the transition of our insular areas from an economy entirely dependent on expensive imported fuels to one that maximizes the use of indigenous sources of energy, bringing down the cost of electricity and making all islands more self-sufficient and environmentally friendly.

Although the Section 252 feasibility grants are authorized at a modest \$500,000, we believe such money would make a considerable positive impact for our insular areas. We therefore respectfully ask that you include funding for these feasibility grants in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget for the Department of Energy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Jim Costa
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources


Donna M. Christensen
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Insular Affairs

cc: The Honorable Samuel Bodman, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy ✓
The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 1, 2008

Secretary Samuel Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585 FAX 202/586-4403

Dear Mr. Secretary,

An important part of the Energy Independence and Security Act, HR 6, are the provisions that authorize and direct the Department of Energy to undertake a broad, new advanced geothermal energy research program. These provisions were based upon legislation that had strong, bi-partisan support in both the House and Senate, were developed after hearings in the House and Senate Committees of jurisdiction, and were passed with large bi-partisan majorities.

The Congress also has appropriated in the Consolidated Appropriations bill \$20 million for the geothermal research program in FY 2008. It is our expectation that these funds will be spent to begin the immediate implementation of the new advanced research and for other geothermal programs that Congress has authorized and the President has signed into law.

Further, while we understand that the process for preparing the Administration's FY 2009 budget is well underway, we expect the Department to re-evaluate its budget request for the geothermal program in light of this new authorization. In addition to re-evaluating the FY 2009 request, we would urge the Department to consider reprogramming or requesting additional funds in FY 08 in order to implement the advanced geothermal research program that has just been authorized. The new law authorizes \$95 million annually to conduct a broad-ranging program of advanced technology development, and we urge the Department's to embark upon a program that embraces this new vision of geothermal energy's potential and to request funding that can support this level of effort.

According to reports by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory geothermal resources have the potential to provide tens of thousands of megawatts of new renewable power and heat energy to meet our energy needs. We urge the Department to initiate a bold new geothermal program as authorized and directed by HR 6 to develop and deploy advanced technology across the spectrum of geothermal resources to achieve this potential.

Sincerely,


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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20520

February 11, 2008

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to you to express our concern regarding the direction of the Department's program to promote cellulosic ethanol technology and production. Recent actions and statements, when taken together, suggest that the Department is focusing its cellulosic ethanol program on cellulosic sources in some regions of the nation to the exclusion of others. We are concerned that these decisions may have a deleterious effect on the formation of an efficient renewable fuels industry in the United States.

Our concerns were initiated when a recent statement by a senior Department official characterized the Department's stance on candidate feedstocks for ethanol production as follows:

"Of all the ways of making cellulosic ethanol, corn byproducts like husks show the greatest potential for a quick breakthrough, along with woody biomass from pulp and paper factories."

We were concerned that such a statement reveals a policy preference by the Department regarding the sources of cellulose for ethanol production upon which the Department's program will focus. Our concerns were heightened by the Department's January 29th press release naming the initial grant awards for cellulosic ethanol demonstration plants. These sources do not appear to include the very significant cellulosic ethanol potential of subtropical crops, such as sugar cane waste and fiber cane.

Our state has an operating cellulosic ethanol pilot plant that is producing ethanol from sugar cane waste. The company that owns and operates the pilot plant conducted "steel topping" ceremonies on January 25th at its self-funded demonstration plant that will produce 15 million barrels per year of cellulosic ethanol from sugar cane waste and fiber energy cane. This plant is expected to begin operations this summer. Unless there is similar progress being made in other locales around the nation, we must conclude that the senior Department official's comments, and the grant awards made on January 29th, seem to overlook a significant source of cellulosic ethanol where a quick breakthrough may be very close at hand indeed.

Biomass production along the Gulf coast may reach or exceed 20 dry tons per acre. This suggests potential ethanol yields of up to 1800 gallons per acre – or about four to five times more production, on a per-acre basis, than the typical yield of 400 gallons per acre found in the corn

and grain belt of the nation. We understand further that the Louisiana crops that can provide an abundance of cellulose for ethanol production require far fewer supplemental inputs per gallon, such as fertilizer, pesticides and irrigation, than corn and grain crops. Moreover, cellulosic ethanol production in the Gulf coast will yield this sustainable fuel in the very locale where the nation's transportation fuel refineries are located, leading to transportation efficiencies that will yield further fuel savings for the nation.

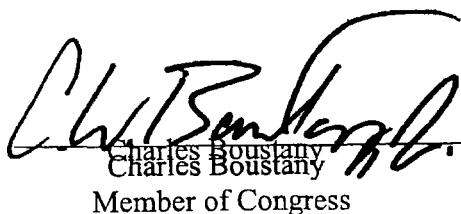
The nation must move aggressively to capture the energy value of all forms of biomass. Very shortly, Congress will begin making appropriations decisions for the coming fiscal year. We respectfully request a full briefing by you or your designee before the end of February concerning exactly what actions the Department is making to promote and advance cellulosic ethanol production from sugar cane waste, fiber cane, and other such crops that thrive in the coastal regions around the Gulf of Mexico, including our state of Louisiana.

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
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February 12, 2008

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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I respectfully request your attention to the fair and equal consideration of small businesses under the Department of Energy Federal Energy Management Program's Energy Savings Performance Contracts.

The Department of Energy, under the Federal Energy Management Program, is planning to award ten master indefinite delivery/quantity contracts (DE-RP36-06GO96031) with a potential for approximately \$20 billion worth of projects over the life of the contract. I feel that limiting the number of contracts to only ten, and not specifying which of those contracts, if any, will be awarded to small businesses is not in spirit of small business contracting requirements under federal law.

To my understanding, the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) program has been dominated by nine large companies who control and perform over 90 percent of all ESPC work for the federal government. Comparatively, small businesses perform over 25 percent of similar projects on the local and state level.

As the largest energy consumer in the United States, the federal government operates thousands of facilities that would benefit from the ESPC program, but by capping the contracts at ten, the rollout will be slower and the costs higher.

I am asking you to consider issuing additional IDIQ contracts for qualified small businesses. I hope that you will be able to intervene and ensure that there is a level playing field and an opportunity for small businesses to participate as prime contractors under the ESPC program. My concern is that small businesses will again be relegated to subcontracting roles, not meeting the spirit of the law.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request. I respectfully request a meeting with you to discuss this program in the near future and look forward to hearing from you regarding my concerns.

Sincerely,


BILL SHUSTER
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February 1, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20585-0800

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I would like to commend the Department of Energy for its efforts to strengthen and standardize the Project Management Center (PMC) activities at the National Technology Energy (NETL) and the Golden Field Office though the Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE).

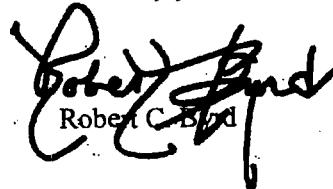
As you are aware, the PMC has built upon the respective strengths and involvement of both NETL and EERE and is continuing its efforts to standardize project management procedures. NETL and EERE have successfully worked with other EERE federal field organizations to establish sound project management practices for its programs while consolidating the regional offices into the PMC. I understand that this arrangement has been positive for all concerned.

Approximately seventy-five NETL personnel are involved in conducting project management and administrative services to research, develop, demonstrate, and deploy a wide variety of energy efficient and renewable technologies. I would appreciate your providing me with an update on the PMC activities, specifically, the long-term plans and commitment to continue this successful collaboration, and your vision on future NETL-EERE collaboration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The EERE work that NETL performs through the PMC is an important component of its portfolio, and I would like to ensure continued success and growth of NETL's involvement in this regard.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Robert C. Byrd

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ALLYSON SCHWARTZ
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO FUND PROGRAMS THAT HELP REDUCE OUR
NATION'S DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN ENERGY SOURCES AS HE
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January 28, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
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Dear President Bush,

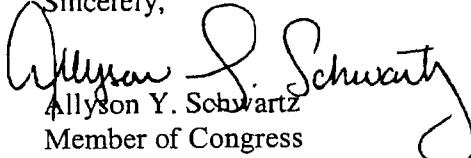
As you finalize your Fiscal Year 2009 budget, I am writing to urge you to make adequate investments in programs that help reduce our nation's dependence on foreign energy sources.

In your 2006 State of the Union address, you told the country that "America is addicted to oil" and promised "to make our dependence on Middle Eastern oil a thing of the past." Despite this pledge, your Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal would have cut funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs by \$238 million. Fortunately, my colleagues and I rejected your proposal and increased funding for these important programs by \$248 million in the Omnibus Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations Bill. These resources will ensure that additional U.S.-based research and development is conducted on promising energy technologies including solar, bio-fuels, geothermal, and energy efficient buildings.

Our energy situation has not improved since your 2006 State of the Union address. Last month, oil prices surpassed \$100 per barrel for the first time in history. We still rely on imports for approximately 60 percent of our oil consumption. In response you recently requested that the King of Saudi Arabia and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) increase their oil production. Relying on OPEC to open their spigots is misguided energy policy. It is a policy that has not secured our nation nor helped to reduce the cost of energy for our businesses and families.

You have an opportunity to set a new direction for energy policy in our country by requesting a budget for federal renewable energy and energy efficiency programs that meets the important needs and priorities of our nation. As a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Ways and Means, I stand ready to work with you to accomplish these goals.

Sincerely,


Allyson Y. Schwartz
Member of Congress

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 4, 2008

The Honorable Sam Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I respectfully request your attention to the treatment of small businesses under the Department of Energy Federal Energy Management Program's Energy Savings Performance Contracts.

It is my understanding that you plan to award approximately ten master indefinite delivery/quantity contracts under the Request for Proposals (DE-RP36-06GO96031) published last year. I feel that limiting the number to only ten contracts and not specifying which of those contracts, if any, will be awarded to small businesses is not in the spirit of small business contracting requirements under federal law.

Thus far, the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) program has been dominated by nine large companies who control and perform over 90 percent of all ESPC work for the federal government. Comparatively, small businesses perform over 25 percent of similar projects on the local and state level. It is clear that small businesses have the capability and capacity to handle complex energy projects such as those under the ESPC program.

There are thousands of federal facilities that would benefit from the ESPC program but by limiting the contracts to only ten companies the rollout will be slower and costs higher. I want you to consider issuing additional indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts for qualified small businesses. I hope that you will be able to intervene and ensure that there is a level playing field and an opportunity for small businesses to participate as prime contractors under the ESPC program. I do not want small businesses relegated only to subcontracting roles as this does not meet the intended small business contracting requirements and is simply not good public policy.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request. I look forward to our continued work with you to achieve federal energy savings and increase fair contracting opportunities for our nation's small businesses.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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STEVE ISRAEL
Second District, New York

March 13, 2008

Jennifer Owen
Director, Technology Advancement and Outreach
DOE-EERE
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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Jennifer,

On April 8th 2008 I will be hosting a Renewable Energy Technology Expo from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Sunrise Business Center located at 3500 Sunrise Highway in East Islip. This exhibit will be geared towards clean energy projects, inventions and products that are being developed and produced by local Long Island businesses and entrepreneurs. I would be grateful if your agency could send a few representatives to attend the expo to offer advice, suggestions and opinions to my constituents.

During World War II Long Island transformed from pumpkin fields and potato farms to the nations defense capitol by innovating and manufacturing. Our generation faces a different challenge but one that is equally important in the shaping of our future. Our dependence on foreign oil is a threat to our environment, our economy and our national security and must become a priority for all Americans. Long Island has the potential to be the heart of Green America as I believe that we have the inherent infrastructure, skilled labor base, and research and development capabilities to make a new transformation to be a center for advanced energy progress.

I hope that this exhibit will help facilitate relationships between those who are doing the research and development of green products and those who are seeking to invest in greening our community and our country. The relationship between the federal government, the private sector and the business community has never been more important and I believe that by working together we can overcome the challenges that lie ahead and transform into a greener America. If any representatives are available to attend please call Jennifer at (631) 951-2210 to RSVP as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you on April 8th at the Sunrise Business Center and learning more about Long Island's green possibilities.

Sincerely,

STEVE ISRAEL
Member of Congress

JASON ALTMIRE
4TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 26, 2008

The Honorable Sam Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I respectfully request your attention to the treatment of small businesses under the Department of Energy Federal Energy Management Program's Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC). I hope that you will consider intervening to ensure that small businesses are given an opportunity to participate as prime contractors under the ESPC program.

I am writing specifically in reference to ESPC solicitation number DE-RE36-06GO96031. It is my understanding that the Department of Energy, under the Federal Energy Management Program, is planning to award ten master indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts with the potential for approximately \$20 billion in projects over the life of the contracts. To date, the ESPC program has been dominated by nine large companies that control and perform over 90 percent of all ESPC program work for the federal government. I have concerns that by limiting the number to only ten contracts, and by not specifying if any of those contracts will be awarded to small businesses, the plan is inconsistent with the intent of small business contracting requirements under federal law.

The Department of Defense operates a program similar to the ESPC program, the National Energy Savings Performance Contract, solicitation number W912DY-06-R-0018. The Department of Defense's program has an explicit goal of including at least one small business as a prime contract awardee. I urge you to follow the lead of the Department of Defense and consider issuing additional indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contracts for qualified small businesses so that they are not put at a competitive disadvantage as this new solicitation is awarded.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cara Toman of my staff at cara.toman@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-2565.

Sincerely,

Jason Altmire

**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

May 19, 2008

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

Thank you for your April 8, 2008, letter to Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman expressing your support for lithium sulfur battery technology.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) conducts research and development on a variety of automotive technologies that can lead to dramatic improvements in our national security. In fiscal year 2008, EERE continues to fund high risk, breakthrough-oriented research that could lead to high power and high energy batteries for hybrid and electric vehicles. Specifically, EERE is currently funding 11 exploratory research projects (totalling \$3.0 million) focused on the development of metallic lithium batteries, such as lithium sulfur. As high power lithium ion batteries for conventional hybrids mature, a significantly larger effort and higher priority will be placed on searching for breakthrough technology in the area of high-energy batteries (such as lithium sulfur) for electric vehicles.

The Department shares your enthusiasm for the potential that this advanced battery technology has to reduce the Nation's dependence on imported oil. Our DOE portfolio balances near-term and long-term needs and continues to yield positive results within the Department's broad set of technology development programs.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Scott Shiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Alexander A. Karsner
Assistant Secretary
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy



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Congress of the United States
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April 8, 2008

Honorable Samuel Wright Bodman
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Room 7A-257
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, late last year H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act, was signed into law. Through a variety of programs under the Department of Energy's jurisdiction, that legislation will help reduce demand for foreign oil, save working families thousands of dollars at the gas pump, and reduce the tailpipe emissions that contribute to climate change. It was a landmark first step towards setting our country on a course to energy independence.

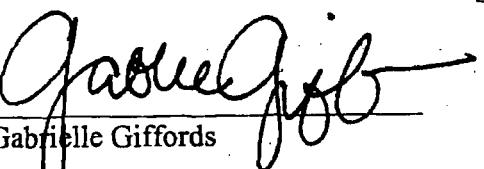
Today, we are writing to highlight the key role new battery technology will play in keeping our country on track toward achieving the goals we established in the Energy Independence and Security Act.

The Department of Energy's FreedomCar and Vehicles Technology Program has identified a new, vital technology in the future development of batteries. This new, high-energy battery technology is based on the Lithium Sulfur (Li-S) system, which was developed in the U.S. The technology has the potential to play a critical role to meeting the goals of a lightweight and powerful, renewable energy source being sought by automobile manufacturers.

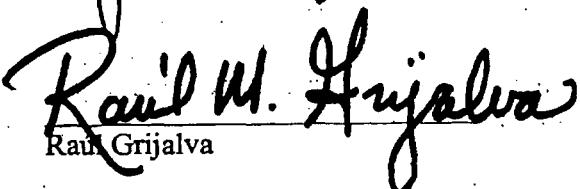
The storage of renewably-generated energy is vital to the United States' future energy independence. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Department of Energy move forward with Li-S research and development so that this technology might be fully developed and deployed by the beginning of the next decade.

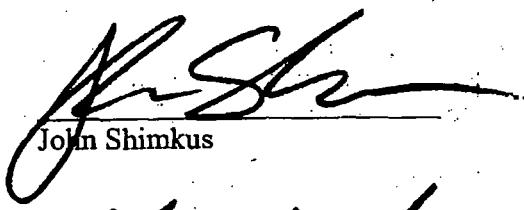
Thank you for considering this request.

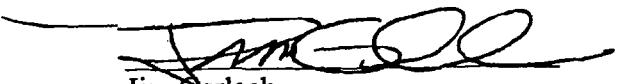
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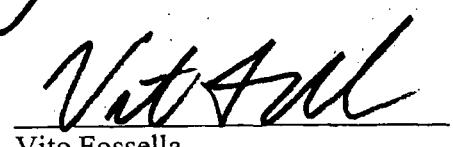

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515
April 11, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write you to support the Department of Energy (DOE) Heavy Truck Engine programs. We want to ensure that the increased funding provided through the fiscal year 2008 appropriations process for the program is spent on this important research and that the work involved in your current contracts is completed.

Since heavy-duty engines consume nearly 25 percent of the surface transportation fuel, Congress charged the DOE to lead an effort to develop advanced technologies for on-road diesel truck applications. Through the Office of Vehicle Technology's Heavy Truck Engine research programs, strong public-private partnerships between DOE, the national laboratories, and private industry have resulted in engines with new technologies that are more fuel efficient and environmentally cleaner than previous generations. This collaboration led to the attainment of the 2007 on-highway diesel engine emissions standards without sacrificing fuel efficiency.

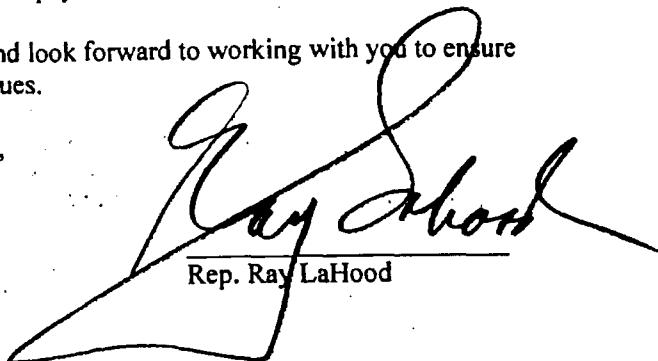
It is imperative that we continue to improve fuel efficiency while achieving future mandated lower emissions levels for 2010 and beyond. Significant hurdles remain in order to achieve reduced fuel consumption, lower emissions, and enhance customer value. The technologies being pursued in these programs are extremely challenging, pushing the limits of currently understood technologies. Funding is needed to support future research tasks that include exploring further engine efficiency improvements, recovering waste energy, and identifying viable technologies to support the "20 in 10" initiative. When fully implemented, these technologies will contribute to the national benefits of less dependence on petroleum imports and security for the movement of goods and people. Congress reaffirmed the importance of this work by providing \$15 million for Heavy Truck Engine research in FY2008.

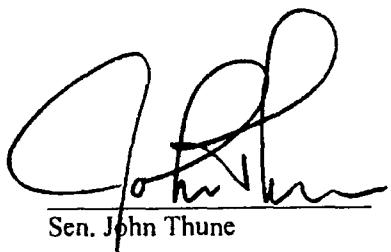
Several companies through the 21st Century Truck Partnership have partnered with DOE to develop and demonstrate higher efficiency heavy-duty engine technologies. Indeed, the industry is in the middle of several contracts with the Department and provides a cost share of 50 percent for these projects. This is a true public-private partnership that will pay dividends to the national economy.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to working with you to ensure this important heavy-duty diesel engine research continues.

Sincerely,


Rep. Baron P. Hill

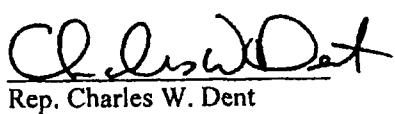

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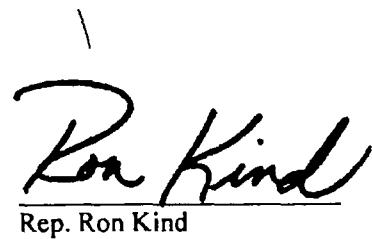
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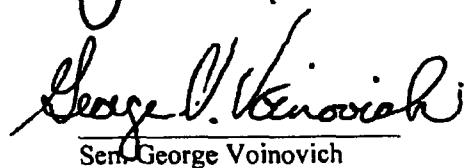
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April 24, 2008

The Honorable Andy Karsner
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Dear Secretary Karsner,

The Administration's FY2009 Department of Energy budget request contains a 27% reduction in funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs, much of which is funding for hydrogen initiatives. I am especially concerned with proposed cuts for Technology Validation and zeroing out of the Renewable Hydrogen program. These actions will significantly impede the development of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, infrastructure, and fuels.

Continued commitment to renewable hydrogen is essential for ensuring that industry advances its work on fuel cells, hydrogen storage and vehicles. DOE states in the FY2009 budget that the critical path production goal for 2015 has been met via natural gas reforming. This conflicts with Congressional intent expressed in the Independence and Security Act of 2007 and Executive Order 13423 to develop diverse and sustainable energy supply from renewable sources. Along with storage and fuel cells, renewable hydrogen is one of three critical technology paths to long-term success.

The proposed reduction of nearly half of the Technology Validation Program's funding will hamper efforts to test technology related to durability, vehicle range, storage, and infrastructure. Additionally, DOE's proposal to combine TVP with the Vehicle Technologies Program means it will have to compete with plug-in hybrid and biofuel validation efforts. Both biofuel and plug-in hybrids are DOE priorities, further raising the likelihood that the hydrogen activities will receive only limited funds.

These proposals are slowing the development of hydrogen technologies, increasing the amount of time for potential commercial availability, and reducing the possibility for earlier market creation. This is especially concerning because vehicle

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development already outpaces fuel and infrastructure work leaving the market unable to support vehicles on the road.

Hydrogen represents one of the long-term energy solutions America needs. However, we must be laying the foundation for fuel production and technology validation. Failure to take immediate action will have profound implications in the future.

I appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Sue Myrick
Member of Congress

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May 6, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
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United States Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to you regarding small businesses' role at the Department of Energy (DoE) and the absence of small business primary contractors on the DoE's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC). The most recent data available illustrates that the DoE allocated only 5.3 percent of its \$22 billion eligible dollars to small businesses. Small businesses are the backbone of our Nation's economy, providing competition in the federal contracting arena and millions of American jobs. It is extremely unfortunate that the DoE does not allow more small business involvement in its agency contracts.

As you are likely aware, Rule XXV(1)(o)(3) of the Standing Rules of the Senate provide the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship with the authority to investigate all problems concerning America's small business enterprises, and as Ranking Member of this Committee, I respectfully request your immediate attention to the participation of small businesses under the DoE's FEMP ESPC program.

It is my understanding that the ESPC program has been dominated by nine large companies that control and perform over 90 percent of all ESPC work for the federal government. Comparatively, at the state and local levels, small businesses perform roughly 25 percent of similar projects. Thus, it is clear that small businesses have the ability and capacity to handle complex energy projects such as those under the ESPC program. This is further illustrated by the Department of Defense which, under a similar energy contract, expressly stated a goal to include at least one or more small businesses as prime contract awardees. If other agencies have the ability to provide similar energy contracting opportunities to small businesses, arguably the DoE can as well.

I urge the Department to consider issuing additional opportunities to ensure a more level playing field for qualified small businesses to contribute as prime contractors, both under the ESPC program as well as under other DoE programs. The inclusion of small businesses as prime contractors would increase competition and significantly lower costs to the Federal government.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. I look forward to our continued collaboration toward achieving federal energy savings and increasing fair contracting opportunities for our Nation's small businesses.

Sincerely,

Olympia J. Snowe
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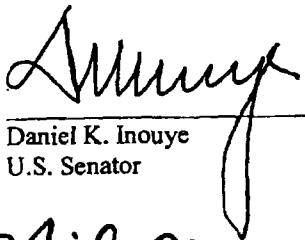
Dear Secretary Bodman,

In keeping with the intent of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA 2007), we write to call your attention to the opportunities in our state of Hawaii. In particular we refer to sections 228 and 232(a)(4) of EISA 2007. The former deals with algal biomass and the latter deals with sustainable production of feedstock.

Bioenergy has been a major component of Hawaii's energy profile for many years. For example, combustion of agricultural residues (e.g., sugar cane bagasse) at times generated more than 10% of the electricity used in the State. More recently, microalgae has been proposed as an alternative source of liquid biofuels that could offer significant advantages over terrestrial crops with respect to the "food or fuel" controversy, and land and fresh water usage. Commercial production of microalgae (primarily for high value nutraceuticals) has been ongoing in Hawaii for decades and the University of Hawaii has established research programs in this area. Various projects to explore the feasibility of producing biodiesel from microalgae are being initiated in Hawaii to build on this experience and existing facilities and/or technical resources. In addition, the development of microalgae as a biodiesel source offers considerable potential as a user of carbon dioxide and as such offers some interesting strategies for the expanded use of coal-fired electrical power plants.

To date, there have been limited interactions between the different groups pursuing these algal-based biofuel initiatives. In consideration of the potential held by microalgal biofuels to contribute significantly to the future energy portfolio of state of Hawaii and the nation, we invite you to invest appropriate resources to develop this important program. As a starting point for this endeavor, the University of Hawaii has indicated its willingness to assist your department by organizing a series of workshops to develop a national strategy to capture the opportunities in algal biomass. Given Hawaii's unique experience with bioenergy and specifically with microalgae, we believe this is a rich area of cooperation between your Department and the biofuel research and development interests in Hawaii. As we jointly move forward with the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, algae and biofuels hold great potential as contributors to the goal of 70% renewable energy. We look forward to assisting you in realizing this opportunity and will be most happy to provide contact information as needed.

Sincerely,



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Dear Secretary Bodman:

As the price of energy continues to escalate, the United States government must be a key investor in energy efficient technologies. However, new technological innovators are often unable to receive vital funding to build upon their efforts. This is especially true for developers who seek funding from the Department of Energy via unsolicited grant proposals.

In order to preserve our nation's innovation and competitiveness, we must foster new energy efficient technological research. As the Department of Energy formulates its Fiscal Year 2010 budget requests, I urge you to keep in mind the importance of fully funding this vital research. I ask that you provide information regarding what additional funding programs are available to researchers seeking unsolicited funding.

Please contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Karen Foster Wright, at (202) 225-8045 with information on the Department of Energy's efforts to increase funding for these unsolicited proposals. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER
Member of Congress

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July 14, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write today regarding the Department of Energy's recently announced solicitation for advanced geothermal energy technology and research projects. While we were pleased that the Department has finally issued the Funding Opportunity Announcement, we are concerned that DOE's solicitation does not comply with the direction provided by Title VI of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA, P.L. 110-140) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-161).

Over the past several years, DOE has illogically opposed most investment in our nation's geothermal resources, taking every opportunity to either zero-out geothermal funding or gut the current congressionally-authorized program enacted by EISA. Recently, the Department has taken it upon itself to "refocus" the Geothermal Program, and spend all appropriated funding on enhanced geothermal systems (EGS) only. This was not Congress's intent and this is the wrong direction for the Geothermal Program.

The advanced geothermal energy research program authorized by EISA was based on legislation that was crafted after hearings in both the Senate and House committees of jurisdiction and enjoyed strong bipartisan and bicameral support. As you may recall, on February 1st a bipartisan group of Senators sent you a letter expressing strong support for funding and immediate implementation of the programs in the geothermal energy subtitle of EISA.

EISA directs the DOE to undertake a broad and aggressive research program, and clearly specifies that research shall support not only EGS, but also hydrothermal geothermal and geothermal production from oil and gas fields and geopressured resources. Additionally, EISA established programs important to advancing and commercializing geothermal technologies, such as the Center for Geothermal Technology Transfer (Sec. 618), Geopowering America (Sec. 619), and an Educational Pilot Program (Sec. 620) – all of which are being ignored by DOE this year and in its FY 2009 budget.

Although the Administration hoped to disregard the authorization for geothermal technology research under EISA, Congress provided \$20 million for geothermal research and deployment in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008. It is unacceptable that the DOE is now attempting to completely disregard the immediate need to develop the most accessible sources of clean geothermal energy and instead focus solely on EGS.

Contrary to the Department's position that hydrothermal technologies are "mature," the National Renewable Energy Laboratory has identified at least 30,000 megawatts (MW) of accessible shallow hydrothermal resources that have not been developed, and has estimated that there are 120,000 MW of unidentified shallow hydrothermal resources. However, America's geothermal generation is currently less than 3,000 MW. This is an enormous opportunity cost, and by delaying investment in accessing known geothermal resources, Americans are paying heavily with rapidly rising energy bills and higher greenhouse gas emissions.

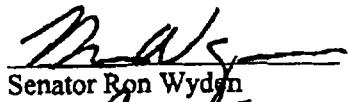
We strongly urge the Department to revise or supplement its Funding Opportunity Announcement for advanced geothermal energy technology, and implement the geothermal program as authorized and directed by EISA.

Sincerely,



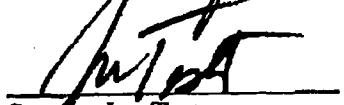
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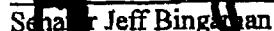
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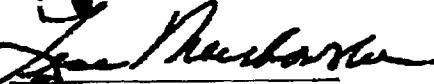
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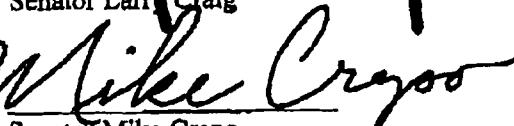
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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to urge the Department of Energy (DOE) to accelerate the rulemaking for Section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Section 136, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Incentive Program, is designed to spur the development of advanced vehicles that meet aggressive pollution reduction and fuel economy standards. The sudden rise in gas prices, the subprime mortgage induced credit market tightening, across the board commodity price pressures, and regulatory demands for more fuel efficient vehicles have led to a sudden economic disruption of unprecedented proportion for the domestic automobile industry. These conditions warrant quick action.

Almost four percent of the Nation's total gross domestic product is generated by the sale and production of new light vehicles. According to a 2001 University of Michigan study, the automobile industry relates to more domestic manufacturing, generates more retail business, and creates more domestic employment than any other single industry in the United States. Providing the domestic automobile industry with targeted and timely assistance will help stimulate the entire economy in each of the 50 States.

Automotive sales have plummeted to a seasonally-adjusted rate of 12.55 million units, which would equate to almost 3 million, or 25 percent, fewer vehicles compared to 2007. To put these numbers in context, Ford sold about 2.5 million vehicles in the United States last year, and Chrysler sold about that amount globally. Thus, speedy implementation of Section 136 is critical.

Section 136 authorized DOE to make facility funding awards and to provide loans to domestic automobile manufacturers to encourage the rapid deployment of advanced technology

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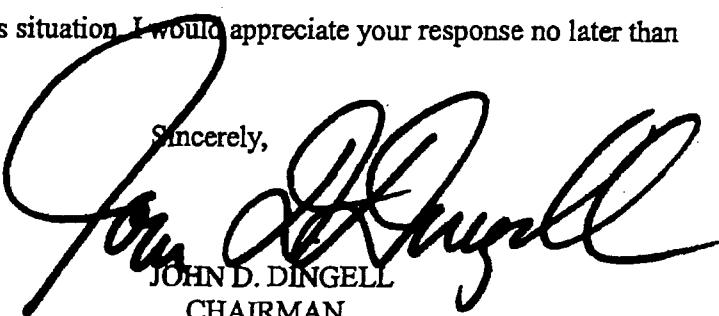
vehicles. Congress enacted the law to help automobile manufacturers and component suppliers re-equip, expand, and establish manufacturing facilities to produce advanced technology vehicles and components and to undertake the required engineering integration to produce the vehicles. Pursuant to subsection (e), DOE was directed to issue regulations to implement the award and loan programs.

Given that the law requires you to begin carrying out Section 136 within one year of enactment, I urge you to complete the rulemaking process by the end of the year so that domestic automobile manufacturers will be able to seek facility funding awards and loans by the beginning of the new year. Given the extraordinary market conditions now facing the industry and the threat of continued high gasoline prices and falling automobile sales will continue to pose to the livelihoods of hard-working Americans and communities across the country, it is essential for the Department to undertake this effort with urgency.

I am committed to securing substantial appropriations to fund the award and loan programs before Congress adjourns for the year.

Given the urgency of this situation, I would appreciate your response no later than August 15, 2008.

Sincerely,


JOHN D. DINGELL
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August 6, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

As our constituents continue to suffer from high gasoline, diesel and other energy costs, they have grown tired of the political fighting in Washington over this issue. Energy costs are causing serious financial hardship, and the current political rhetoric does not help anyone. People want to see positive and immediate action from their federal government. We, therefore, write to ask that you take important steps right now which will demonstrate the federal government's resolve to help ease the pain so many Americans are feeling at the pump by increasing the requirement for the federal fleet to reduce its petroleum consumption.

In January 2007, you signed Executive Order 13423, requiring all agencies with 20 or more vehicles in the United States to decrease their petroleum consumption by 2 percent per year through 2015, relative to their Fiscal Year 2005 baseline. That Executive Order also required agencies to increase their alternative fuel usage by 10 percent per year. While we applaud this previous effort, we think that the drastic change in prices and circumstances over the past 18 months – with oil prices having approached \$150 a barrel earlier this summer and gasoline hovering around \$4 a gallon for months – necessitates more substantial and immediate action on the part of federal agencies to conserve fuel.

As such, we respectfully request that you revoke Executive Order 13423 and replace it with a new executive order requiring all federal agencies with vehicles in the U.S. to decrease petroleum consumption by 5 percent per year relative to their Fiscal Year 2006 baseline through 2016, as well as continuing to require agencies to increase alternative fuel use by 10 percent per year relative to the previous year. We believe that any such requirement should provide necessary exemptions based on national security concerns and for any agency or federal vehicles operating in a theatre of war.

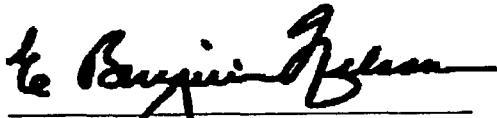
We believe that such a step will provide an important opportunity for the federal government to demonstrate leadership on the matter of fuel conservation, as well as helping reduce demand for gasoline and diesel from one of the nation's largest single consumers of those products. While we understand that there are no simple answers to the current energy crisis and that no single "silver bullet" solution exists, we do believe that by taking this simple step now, the federal

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government can reduce demand and help lower prices, thus easing the pain to consumers and setting an important example for all citizens.

Again, we urge you to issue a new executive order requiring federal agencies to reduce petroleum consumption by five percent per year. We appreciate your attention to our request and look forward to your response on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



E. Benjamin Nelson
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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
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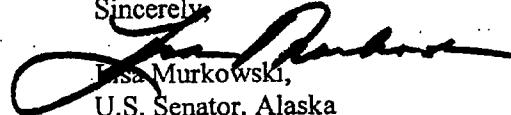
I am writing to seek an update on the Department of Energy's progress in writing regulations to implement two of the provisions passed by Congress and signed into law by the President in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (PL. 110-140). Specifically I am writing to inquire about the Department's progress in implementing two sections that I authored, Sections 803 and 625 of the Act: the Renewable Energy Deployment Grant program and the High Cost Region Geothermal Energy Grant program.

During your annual budget appearance before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee this winter you expressed willingness to have the implementing regulations crafted in FY '08. As we speed toward the end of the fiscal year I am seeking an update on the Department's progress in finalizing draft and final implementing regulations. It has been difficult to make progress on gaining appropriations to fund the first matching grants for the wide variety of renewable energy systems envisioned in the sections in Alaska and elsewhere until the regulations are crafted and the Department is in a position to solicit and award grants.

I know the Department is very busy with a host of initiatives, but in this period of great concern over sky-high energy prices and carbon emissions, furthering renewable energy offers a host of advantages to the nation, and especially to my State of Alaska, where diesel generation is causing the price of electricity to soar, in general passing the 60-cent-per-kilowatt mark in rural Alaska – ten times the national average. Given Alaska's abundant renewable energy potential and the extreme cost of diesel-fired generation, there are few states that offer greater immediate potential for significant increases in renewable energy provided some assistance is provided to pay down initial high capital costs.

I do hope that the Department is making good progress in writing the draft regulations to implement the two programs and I await news of your effort to date. Thank you for your efforts in this matter; I do appreciate them. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski,
U.S. Senator, Alaska

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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
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Dear Secretary Bodman and Administrator Johnson:

I am concerned about an issue that has received recent coverage in Consumer Reports magazine: specifically, whether the testing protocols for appliance efficiency accurately and reliably measure the energy consumption of the appliances and other equipment being tested for purposes of awarding Energy Star labels.

According to a Consumer Reports' press advisory dated September 2, 2008, previewing the October issue of the magazine, its 'recent investigation into the Energy Star program reveals that lax standards and out-of-date test protocols plague the federal program'. The advisory mentions the relatively high percentage of qualifying appliances and equipment in some categories, the length of time required to set new standards, and the tendency some may have to try to evade or "game" the process. Most troubling, the report goes on to cite five refrigerator models that actually use much higher amounts of electricity in normal use than in tests conducted for Energy Star certification, in some cases twice as much. The report states that in many cases manufacturers self-certify their compliance with Energy Star standards without any independent verification. In these cases, the models cited are manufactured overseas, and I have been contacted by U.S. appliance manufacturers concerned that U.S. consumers are being misled by such claims to the competitive disadvantage of domestic manufacturers.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
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I assume you agree that the Energy Star brand is one of the most valuable energy efficiency programs the U.S. Government operates. Any failure to adopt fair, rigorous, and ambitious efficiency targets, along with appropriate testing protocols under normal operating conditions, for appliances or equipment seeking to obtain an Energy Star label, threatens to undermine the value of the Energy Star brand.

Please advise me by Friday, October 10, 2008, what your Department and Agency, which co-administer the Energy Star program, are doing separately and jointly to address these issues. Please further indicate whether the Consumer Reports analysis is accurate or whether you disagree with it. Finally, please share with me your views of the ways in which the Energy Star program can and should be enhanced not only to preserve its value but to maximize its value as a key means of communicating about cost-effective energy efficiency to consumers.

Sincerely,



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September 25, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

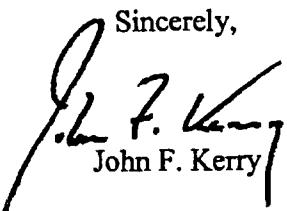
I am writing to thank you for your efforts to implement the energy efficiency and renewable energy provisions contained in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). I am also writing to inquire about the Department of Energy's compliance with the timetable for executing Section 432 of EISA.

Section 432 directs federal energy managers to conduct comprehensive energy and water audits on 75 percent of applicable federal facilities at least once every four years. This provision is critical for ensuring that federal buildings meet energy efficiency goals. Under Section 432, the Department of Energy was required to issue a final document by June 17, 2008, specifying guidelines for energy manager designation, covered facilities, and energy and water evaluations. This document has not yet been released. I urge the Department to finalize this document as soon as possible and avoid similar delays in the implementation of the rest of Section 432.

As the nation's largest energy consumer, the federal government has an obligation to demonstrate leadership in implementing energy efficiency measures and curbing energy consumption.

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and I look forward to our continued cooperation to ensure a clean and secure energy future for our nation.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry

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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing to you to ask for your assistance in avoiding further delays of a contract to repower existing Savannah River Site (SRS) Department of Energy (DOE) facilities with renewable energy resources.

In November 2006 after a competitive selection process, SRS selected Ameresco under DOE's Biomass and Alternate Methane Fuel (BAMF) Super Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) to develop a biomass fueled cogeneration plant to replace the failing 1950's era coal fired plant at SRS. The project is the largest federal ESPC project ever proposed, and Ameresco has worked diligently to secure a project financing commitment for the project. This project would save the DOE over \$1 billion in energy and operating costs during the task order term, and would meet the Department's entire renewable energy goal. Additionally, the project will provide a substantial emissions reduction that will provide a significant positive impact on regional air quality.

The proposed total payments for the implementation, financing, operations and maintenance costs approach \$800 million over the term of the proposed project. The contract program, however, has a ceiling of \$200M that must be raised before project award can take place. The need to raise the contract ceiling was identified in 2007 during the DOE Review Board process that approved the project to proceed the Detailed Energy Study phase. The contracting officer issued a notice of intent to award (NOITA) at that time in 2007. In April 2008, Ameresco submitted its final proposal, which has been revised twice to accommodate DOE-directed changes.

DOE officials have known about the contract ceiling issue for well over a year. Despite numerous recommendations and attempts by internal DOE staff to secure final approval of this contract, they have been unable to obtain the necessary approval to raise the contract ceiling. The project fills a critical need for SRS, and should not be further delayed.

I urge your prompt action on this issue to ensure this important contract is completed so SRS will have a reliable and renewable source for steam and electricity to meet its mission

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requirements; and furthermore so DOE can meet its goals to promote renewable energy use and energy conservation in a cost-effective manner.

Please respond to Allen Aimar, my Military Legislative Assistant, in my Washington, D.C. Office. Allen can be reached by phone at (202) 225-2452, or by email at Allen.Aimar@mail.house.gov.

Thank you in advance for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Joe" on top and "Wilson" below it, slightly overlapping.

JOE WILSON
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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RE: ESPC Program

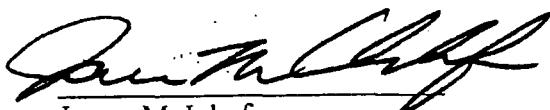
Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to request a status update on the Department's efforts to award the new DOE umbrella contract ("recompete") for the ESPC program. As you know, I was instrumental in the reauthorization of the ESPC program and support this energy efficiency program as one means for Federal agencies to achieve their required energy reduction targets. My understanding is that the new umbrella contract, which will be the first one awarded in over 10 years, will actually increase competition in the program and ensure that a broader array of qualified contractors will be able to participate in this program. It has come to my attention that the Department has had a considerable period of time to complete action on this as proposals were submitted last December with an expected announcement in spring or summer earlier this year.

I hope that the Department will provide me with an updated timeline regarding the above and improve this Federal program with potential cost-savings and innovation through increased competition.

Thank you for your assistance and attention to this matter and continuing support of this program. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
Ranking Member
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October 20, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Department of Energy
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The Honorable Douglas Shulman
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Ave., NW
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Dear Secretary Bodman and Commissioner Shulman:

I am writing to request that the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) coordinate their efforts to promote the purchase of energy efficient water heating equipment in 2009. On January 1, 2009 energy star ratings of residential water heaters and tax credits for residential energy efficiency upgrades both take effect, giving your two agencies a unique opportunity to work cooperatively.

The coinciding implementation of these two provisions creates an opportunity for improving residential water heating efficiency, which accounts for between 13 and 17 percent of residential energy use. I strongly encourage DOE and IRS to work together to integrate this information in any publications, promotional materials, and educational products that are published regarding the new energy star water heater labels. Consumers must be made aware that purchasing an energy star labeled gas tankless, heat pump, or gas condensing water heater will automatically qualify them to receive the tax credit. Knowledge of this added incentive will encourage the purchase of highly efficient water heaters.

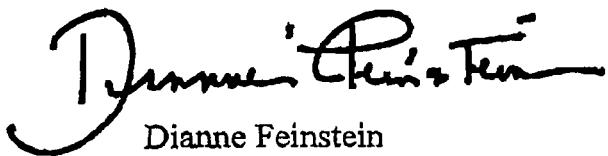
DOE's new energy star rating for water heaters establishes five classes of heaters eligible for the ENERGY STAR® label: high-performance gas storage, whole-home gas tankless, advanced drop-in or integrated heat pump, solar, and gas condensing.

The tax credits for residential energy efficiency upgrades (Sect. 25C) will also go back into effect for one year. These tax credits cover water

heaters with high efficiency levels: a natural gas, propane, or oil water heater which has an energy factor (EF) of at least 0.8 or an electric heat pump water heater with an EF of at least 2.0. Although some water heaters that do not have an energy star rating will qualify for the credit, all energy star rated gas tankless, heat pump, and gas condensing water heaters should meet the credit requirements.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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10/28/2008

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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

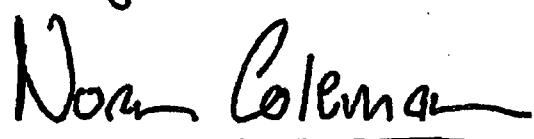
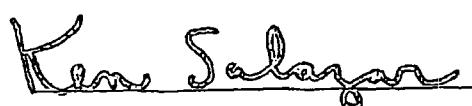
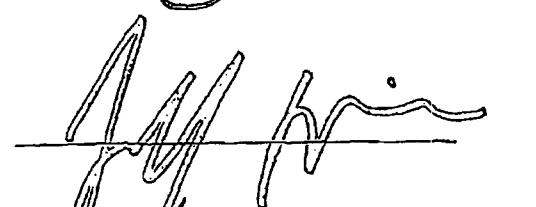
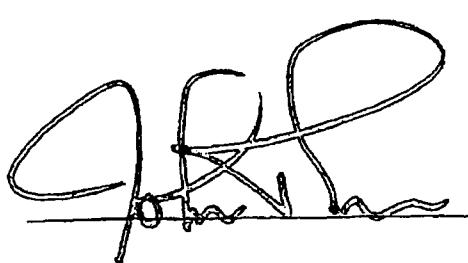
The implementation of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and its 36 billion gallon Renewable Fuels Standard will require the use of ethanol in motor vehicle fuel beyond the traditional 10 percent blend. Together with the increases in automobile fuel economy included in the Act, the expanded use of ethanol will dramatically reduce demand for gasoline and increasingly displace our need for oil and gasoline imports. Moving beyond 10 percent ethanol blends is essential to achieving this nation's goals of reducing our reliance on foreign oil and of fostering the growth of a robust, domestic renewable fuels industry.

There are many challenges to expanding our use of renewable fuels, including limited infrastructure and refueling stations, the small-but-growing number of flex fuel vehicles (FFVs) on the road today that can utilize higher blends of ethanol, and the Clean Air Act prohibition on ethanol-blended fuels above 10 percent in gasoline-only engines. As a nation, we are working to overcome these challenges. For example, auto manufacturers are steadily increasing production of flex fuel vehicles, pledging to meet a goal of 50 percent of their models being equipped with "flexible fuel" systems by 2012. We also continue to push for expanded infrastructure and refueling stations. But we also believe that our nation can and should begin to move in the direction of ethanol blends in excess of 10 percent in conventional vehicles.

On October 7th, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released preliminary results of studies being conducted by the Vehicle Technologies and Biomass Programs to determine the viability of higher blends of ethanol in gasoline. These preliminary results appear to be consistent with the results of earlier ethanol blend testing projects such as the one done by the State of Minnesota. The results, however, demonstrate the need for additional research and the continued testing necessary to certify whether certain ethanol blends such as E15 and E20 can meet the performance and health effects requirements necessary for their authorized use in America's vehicle fleet. It is critical that DOE continue these studies in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and that DOE and EPA fully engage the auto industry and other relevant industry experts in these efforts.

We thank you for recognizing the importance of this ethanol market issue and for directing the allocation of funding to the Vehicle Technologies and Biofuels Programs of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which enabled them to initiate this testing. We believe DOE should rank this testing of intermediate ethanol blends as a top budget and resource priority. We encourage the Department to direct additional Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 funds to the Vehicle Technologies and/or Biomass Programs to expand, improve and accelerate the testing of intermediate ethanol blends. We also encourage the Department to explore any methodologies that could expedite the testing processes such as accelerated materials testing or more intensive scheduling of test cycles. Our national energy security depends on our ability to continue growing the U.S. biofuels industry by providing more options for American consumers to use these renewable, homegrown fuels.

Sincerely,



Amy Klobuchar

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1. Letter to EI/Guy F. Caruso from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce and Chairman Bart Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Subject: Chairmen John D. Dingell and Bart Stupak requests response to questions related to an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal on February 11, 2008, entitled "Refiner Cutbacks May Not Be Felt at Pumps"

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2. Letter to EIA/Guy Caruso from Senators Pete V. Domenici, Wayne Allard, John Barrasso, Robert F. Bennett, Michael B. Enzi, Jeff Sessions, John Thune, Jim Bunning, Christopher S. Bond, Lisa Murkowski, Ted Stevens, John Cornyn, George V. Voinovich, and Thaddeus McCotter

Subject: Requesting that the EIA analyze the impacts of the "American Energy Production Act of 2008" (S. 2958), which was introduced on May 1, 2008; ask that EIA meet w/Senate Committee minority staff to discuss the parameters, methods, and duration of the analysis

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3. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator John F. Kerry

Subject: Requests the Department of Energy to undertake a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the unauthorized release of the May 29, 2008 Weekly Petroleum Status Report data; asks for a response to the enclosed questions

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| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 04-Jun-2008 10:40AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Jun-2008 |

4. Letter to EI/Guy F. Caruso from Representative Jack Kingston

Subject: Representative Jack Kingston request estimate of impact upon prices would be if additional 1 million barrels per day of productive capacity was brought online today.

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| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 28-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 04-Jun-2008 11:29AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |

5. Letter to Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration from Chairman John D. Dingell (D-MI), Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Requesting the Energy Information Administration provide response and analyses to the questions as to whether or not to begin active sales of Strategic Petroleum Reserve crude oil in an effort to provide gasoline price relief to American consumers

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| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jul-2008 |
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6. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)**

Subject: Requests EIA to analyze the environmental and energy efficiency attributes of diesel fuel, specifically how diesel fueled vehicles compare to similar gasoline fueled, E-85 fueled, and hybrid vehicles

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February 21, 2008

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The Honorable Guy F. Caruso
 Administrator
 Energy Information Administration
 1000 Independence Ave, SW
 Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Caruso:

We are writing today in reference to an article that appeared in the Wall Street Journal on February 11, 2008, entitled "*Refiner Cutbacks May Not Be Felt at Pumps.*" This article asserts that U.S. refiners are deliberately cutting back on production in order to combat the decrease in demand brought about by high gasoline prices.

In pertinent part, the article states the following:

"Refiners over the past month have scaled back production rates to 84.3% of their capacity, the lowest level recorded for this time of year since 2003, according to data released Wednesday by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Since the beginning of the year, operating rates dropped by 8%, compared to an average 4% decline during each of the past five years."

"The market conditions last year provided the incentive to run [refineries] as high as you could," says Lynn Westfall, chief economist for refiner Tesoro Corp. But the market 'is not there currently'..."

As you know, the issue of U.S. refinery capacity has been at the forefront of our deliberations on energy policy for a number of years and has proven to be one of the more controversial and vexing topics we have explored. This article raises a number of questions that we would appreciate EIA's assistance in answering.

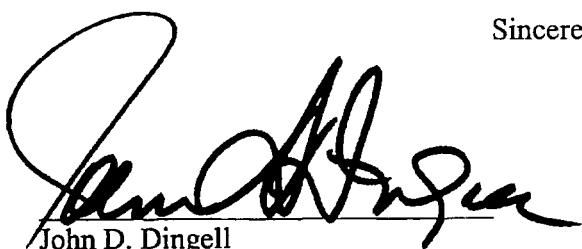
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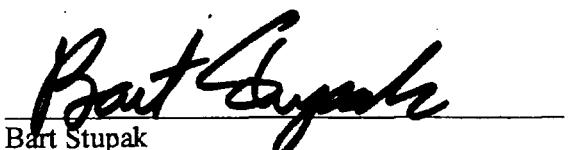
1. To what extent is reduced capacity utilization during January and February 2008 attributable to (a) scheduled outages (turnarounds), (b) unscheduled outages (from accidents) or (c) deliberate decisions to reduce refinery throughput?
2. Which specific refineries are intentionally cutting back refinery capacity and by what percentage?
3. Will these cutbacks in refinery output raise wholesale and retail prices for gasoline, diesel, and heating oil?
4. Is there demand reduction with respect to refined products due to high oil prices? Has demand for gasoline, diesel, and heating oil dropped proportionately to the decrease in refinery output?
5. How much storage capacity is there for refined products and what percentage of storage capacity is actually used? How does this compare historically at this time of year for the past five years?
6. Did refined inventories drop while refinery output was being cut back during these two months?
7. What percentage of domestic consumption is represented by imports during the months of January and February? How does this compare with the previous 5 years?

We would appreciate your responses to these questions by no later than Monday, March 31, 2008. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Harris or Richard Miller with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member
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May 2, 2008

The Honorable Guy F. Caruso
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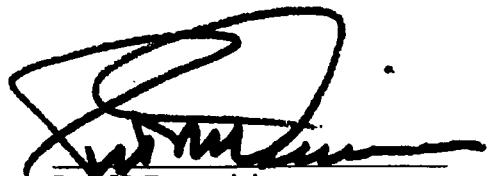
Dear Mr. Caruso:

We are writing to request that the Energy Information Administration (EIA) analyze the impacts of the "American Energy Production Act of 2008" (S. 2958), which we introduced on May 1, 2008. We ask that EIA undertake an analysis of any changes in import reliance and energy prices that may result from this legislation as compared to the forecasts contained in the Annual Energy Outlook 2008.

We are deeply concerned that rising energy prices threaten the well-being of all Americans, and we believe that more of our energy supplies should be produced at home. An analysis by the EIA of the "American Energy Production Act of 2008" would prove useful to members of Congress as we seek to craft measures that could lower the cost of energy and increase our energy security.

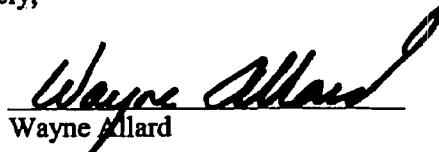
We ask that the economic impact assessment be completed as soon as time and resources permit and that EIA begin this process by meeting with Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources minority staff as soon as possible to discuss the parameters, methods, and duration of the analysis. Please contact Colin Hayes at (202) 224-4971.

Thank you for your assistance with this analysis.

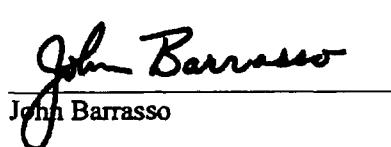


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June 3, 2008

Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

It has come to my attention that petroleum data published in the Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR) for the week ending May 23, scheduled for release at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time on May 29, 2008, was available and accessed on the public Energy Information Administration (EIA) website prior to its scheduled release time.

Such a security breach involving government data raises serious concerns about manipulation of energy markets by unscrupulous investors seeking inappropriate access to government information in order to gain significant and illegal financial advantage. It also undermines public trust and confidence in the integrity of commodity and other financial markets. Finally, it calls into question the security and reliability of EIA's management of sensitive energy data.

While I understand that steps are being taken to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, it is essential that you ascertain as quickly as possible whether such incidents have occurred in the past. If there is a reasonable possibility that the recent incident was part of a pattern of improper access to market data, I urge you to involve the Justice Department as soon as possible.

I hereby request that the Department of Energy (DOE) undertake a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding the unauthorized release of the May 29th WPSR data and whether such premature or other unauthorized access may have occurred prior to that incident. In particular, I ask for your response to the following questions:

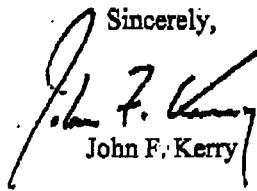
- What steps are you taking to ascertain who may have had premature access to EIA information from the May 29th SPSR or other EIA reports and files?
- What was the earliest point in time that the information in question was made available?
- Did the early publication of this information in any manner provide an unfair advantage to an individual or a group of investors?

- Was the compromised information accessed with the intent to provide a financial advantage?
- What is the likelihood that EIA information has been prematurely accessed in the past, for example, through the use of software "robots?"
- What further steps may be required to ensure that improper disclosure of sensitive government energy information does not occur in the future?

At a time of understandable public outrage about soaring energy prices and plummeting consumer confidence in U.S. petroleum markets, illegal access to sensitive energy market data is intolerable. Reports of premature access to EIA data, and the possibility that other data have been similarly compromised, can only contribute to the public's sense that investor speculation is in large part responsible for skyrocketing prices. Accordingly, I trust that you will take every precaution to ensure not only that this recent incident is not repeated, but also that a full report regarding the facts surrounding this particular event, and the possibility of any prior, similar incidents, are provided to Congress and to the public.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John F. Kerry

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House of Representatives

May 28, 2008

Dear Mr. Caruso,

As you may recall, you stated in your testimony before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on March 4th, 2008, that the [then] current policy of filling the SPR at a rate of 70,000 barrels per day is increasing the world price of oil by \$2 per barrel. Adding 70,000 barrels per day to the world supply would therefore reduce the price of oil by \$2 per barrel, according to your estimate. Using the same methodology and set of circumstances and assumptions from which you derived the estimate you presented to the Senate Committee on March 4th, would you please provide me with an estimate of what the impact upon prices would be if an additional 1 million barrels per day of productive capacity was brought online today?

I thank you in advance for your timely response to this request, and thank you also for EIA's invaluable assistance in providing information to the public and policy makers.

Sincerely,


Jack Kingston
Member of Congress

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July 10, 2008

The Honorable Guy F. Caruso
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Dear Administrator Caruso:

A number of recent proposals in Congress and elsewhere call for the Federal Government to withdraw a significant quantity of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and sell it as a means of providing downward pressure on the record crude oil prices that have been experienced in recent weeks. Pursuant to recent legislation enacted in response to high market prices, filling of the SPR has been suspended. The question now is whether or not to begin active sales of SPR crude oil in an effort to provide gasoline price relief to American consumers.

I respectfully request that you provide by noon on Thursday, July 17, 2008, the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) best response and analyses to the questions posed below. Your answers will guide me and other members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in reviewing the merits of any such proposals, over which the Committee has jurisdiction.

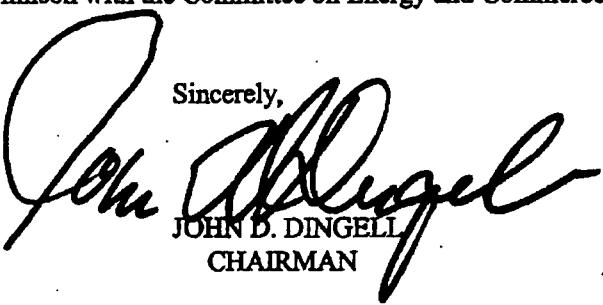
1. What is the current estimated volume of crude oil sold or delivered to refiners on an average daily basis in world markets?
2. What is the maximum daily sustainable production that could be achieved by withdrawals from the SPR?
3. Since its creation, crude oil has been withdrawn and sold into the market on several occasions. Please indicate, for each of those occasions:
 - a. the volume of crude oil withdrawn and sold;

- b. the daily withdrawal rate;
 - c. the benchmark crude oil prices on the day before withdrawals started;
 - d. the benchmark crude oil prices at the peak of withdrawals;
 - e. the average benchmark prices of crude oil during the withdrawal period;
 - f. benchmark crude oil prices three, six, nine, and twelve months after withdrawal;
 - g. other supply and demand factors that might have affected crude oil prices during the same period; and
 - h. any evidence, analysis, or basis for the inference that world oil market prices were or were not directly affected by the SPR withdrawals and the extent of that effect.
4. What uncertainties must be acknowledged in any effort to estimate the market price effects of any increase in oil supply to world oil markets from a sale of crude oil from the SPR?
 5. What additional factors or uncertainties might come into play if such increase in supply were being provided by crude oil being withdrawn from the SPR, such as the market's awareness that such withdrawals could not be maintained indefinitely, and only at a direct cost to the national security protection the SPR would otherwise be able to provide? How might the market "discount" sales from the SPR as a result of such factors?
 6. What specific physical, commercial, transportation, or other issues would affect the world oil market's perception of, or reaction to, sales from the SPR?
 7. Based on the above considerations and your best understanding of current oil market dynamics, what range of likely effects on world crude oil prices (highest, lowest, and most probable) might be expected, and over what period of time, from sale into crude oil markets of oil withdrawn from the SPR in the following amounts and over the following periods:
 - a. Withdrawal and sale of 1 million barrels per day (bbl/day), 2 million bbl/day, 3 million bbl/day, and 4 million bbl/day,
 - b. Over withdrawal periods of 30 days, 60 days, 90 days, and 120 days.
 8. What percentage of world oil consumption is attributable to U.S. demand?

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9. To the extent there is a decrease in world oil market prices as the result of sale of crude oil from the SPR, is there any reason to believe that U.S. consumers would receive more than a similar percentage (to that given in response to question eight) of the benefits from the price decrease their government caused? How much of the benefit of such price decreases would flow to consumers in other countries in proportion to their collective oil consumption?
10. Would other holders of strategic stocks, both governmental and commercial, have to engage in similar reductions over similar periods for American consumers to fully benefit from an SPR draw-down?
11. What would prevent other market participants from benefitting from a U.S. decision to reduce strategic reserves by increasing their own oil stocks at that time?
12. To the extent a sale of crude oil from the SPR succeeded in reducing crude oil prices, what would the likely consequent decreases in prices be for consumers of gasoline and diesel fuel? To what extent might the decrease in crude oil prices be absorbed in larger refining margins or retailing margins?

Thank you for your prompt attention. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact John Jimison with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. DINGELL
CHAIRMAN

United States Senate

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October 17, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

Currently, diesel refined from crude oil is the most widely used transportation fuel in the world. Diesel fuel is critically important to America's economy. Nearly all trucks, delivery vehicles, buses, trains, ships, boats and barges, farm, construction and military vehicles and equipment have diesel engines. What's more, the price of diesel fuel affects the cost of food because nearly everything we buy in the supermarket is shipped across the country by trucks.

Diesel fuel is more efficient than other fuels. According to Popular Mechanics, the next generation of clean diesel vehicles runs approximately 38 percent farther on a gallon of fuel than similar hybrid models. The magazine found that a 2007 Volkswagen Polo Bluemotion diesel automobile travels farther on a gallon of fuel than a 2007 Toyota Prius hybrid. VW model also emits 5% fewer greenhouse gases per mile than the Toyota. Diesel vehicles also last longer than gasoline-powered vehicles. In addition to being fuel efficient, diesel-powered vehicles release fewer CO₂ emissions than similar hybrids and gasoline engines. According to the Popular Mechanics field test, the VW model tested by the magazine emits 5% fewer greenhouse gases per mile than a Toyota Prius.

Diesel vehicles run on ultra-low sulfur diesel that is 97% cleaner than older diesel fuel. New diesel technology also reduces carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and other particulate emissions levels. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, if 33 percent of American drivers switched to diesel vehicles, oil consumption in the United States would be reduced by approximately 1.5 million barrels of oil a day, which could cut imports by an estimated 10%.

Yet despite these attributes diesel vehicles are not widely available in the U.S. According to the automotive consulting firm R.L. Polk & Company, only approximately 3.5% of automobiles sold in the U.S. are diesel. In Europe, approximately 50% of automobiles sold are diesel. Currently, the U.S. fleet of refineries is geared to produce gasoline.

I am thus writing to request that the Energy Information Administration (EIA) analyze the environmental and energy efficiency attributes of diesel fuel. Specifically, I would like to know how diesel fueled vehicles compare to similar gasoline fueled, E-85 fueled, and hybrid vehicles. Are they more fuel efficient? Do they emit less carbon dioxide? When and how was the decision made in this country to rely primarily on gasoline as a transportation fuel instead of diesel? Who made this decision? What are the technical, economic, regulatory, environmental, or other obstacles to increasing the usage of diesel fueled vehicles? Does the Department of Energy have any recommendations relating to whether or not we should have more diesel cars in our fleet?

I appreciate your consideration of my request, and I look forward to your timely response. Please do not hesitate to contact me or James Wallner, of my staff, at (202) 224-3972 should you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours



Jeff Sessions
United States Senator

Cc: the Honorable Howard Gruenspecht
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1. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Sherrod Brown

Subject: Senator Sherrod Brown asks DOE to provide a response to press reports on the validity of a possible procurement strategy and DOE's efforts to create a Community Advisory Board for the Portsmouth Decommissioning and Decontamination project

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

2. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator George V. Voinovich, Representatives Jean Schmidt, Charles A. Wilson and Zachary T. Space

Subject: Senator George Voinovich, Representatives Jean Schmidt, Charles A. Wilson and Zachary Space writes regarding the urgent need to ensure a stable workforce at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant; requests DOE provide an action plan and timeline to ensure a stable workforce and sound fiscal management of the site

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3. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Ron Wyden

Subject: Senator Wyden expresses concern that flawed procurement practices at the Hanford waste treatment plant are compromising the cost, schedule, and safety of the project

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4. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Jeff Bingaman and Representative Tom Udall

Subject: Senator Jeff Bingaman and Congressman Tom Udall express concern with multiple issues raised and serious errors in report by DOE's Inspector General report titled "The Department's Progress in Meeting Los Alamos National Laboratory Consent Order Milestones".

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5. Letter to Under Secretary C. H. Albright, Jr., from Representative Ed Whitfield

Subject: Letter to Under Secretary C. H. Albright, Jr., from Representative Ed Whitfield regarding the possible extension of DOE small business contract, especially those in Paducah, Kentucky

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6. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Sherrod Brown

Subject: Requesting a review of issues related to the Department of Energy's cleanup program, specifically its decontamination and decommissioning plans for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant; in addition, please provide response to the questions on PORTS cleanup planning

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7. Letter to Assistant Secretary James Rispoli, Office of Environmental Management, from Representative Doc Hastings and Senator Patty Murray

Subject: Representative Hastings and Senator Murray write regarding the pending award of the Mission Support contract at Hanford

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8. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Doc Hastings (R-WA)

Subject: Requesting a review of the DOE's decision to cancel a small business solicitation for the deactivation and decommissioning of the FFTF; and also determine whether the cancellation increased the expenditure of tax dollars and impact on the Department's small business contracting program

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February 22, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have read recent press reports suggesting that the Department of Energy (DOE) is planning on announcing an acquisition strategy for the Portsmouth Decommissioning and Decontamination (D&D) project. If true, I am very disappointed that I had to learn of this through the press reports rather than from your Department.

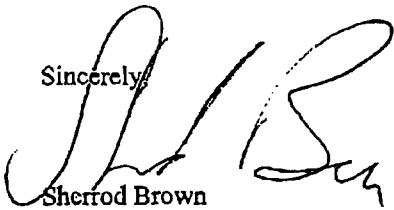
It is my understanding that you have not given the citizens of Portsmouth an opportunity to weigh in on the clean-up strategy. Frankly, I am confused as to how the Department could even develop such a cleanup strategy without engaging the community; the very people we both serve.

Any decision making by DOE is necessarily tainted by the fact that you have failed to create a Community Advisory Board (CAB). Every major cleanup, including Portsmouth's sister plant in Paducah, Kentucky, has a CAB. No cleanup strategy should be contemplated until such a CAB has been created and is allowed meaningful input into the process. I am concerned that the Department is returning to the old "announce and defend" policies of the past. These policies have long been rejected by the public and by Congress.

Please contact my office immediately as to the validity of the press reports regarding a possible procurement strategy, as well as the Department's efforts in creating a CAB for the Portsmouth D&D project.

I appreciate your personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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March 7, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary;

We write regarding the urgent need to ensure a stable workforce at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

As you know, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) contract for the Cold Standby/Shutdown program, which employs about 700 workers, is scheduled to end this year in September. It is our understanding that the Technicium-99 clean-up project, which currently employs about 150 workers, will also be completed by September.

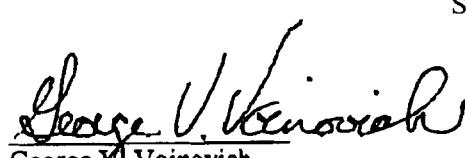
The completion of Cold Standby/Shutdown and Tc99 clean-up projects prior to the initiation of the planned decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) contract could result in hundreds of job losses at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. While the DUF6 facility will help absorb some jobs as it becomes fully operational, we are extremely concerned that DOE does not yet have a plan for the vast majority of these workers now employed by Cold Standby/Shutdown and Tc99 projects.

DOE must pursue appropriate actions to maintain a stable workforce at the Plant as it transitions to full D&D activities. Maintaining a stable workforce will greatly enhance site D&D activities when they begin by ensuring qualified, knowledgeable workers are not lost and that they continue to be a part of current and future site missions.

Please provide us with a response by March 31, 2008, describing DOE's planned actions and timeline to ensure a stable workforce and sound fiscal management of the site.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


George Voinovich
U.S. Senator


Charles A. Wilson
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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to express my continuing concern that flawed procurement practices at the Hanford high-level waste treatment plant (WTP) are compromising the cost, schedule, and, ultimately, the safety of the project. I am requesting a full explanation of the continuing failure of the contractor – Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) – to ensure that process vessels and piping procured for installation in the so-called “black cells” within the plant meet safety and quality requirements, despite knowing of flaws in their procurement process for these components since 2004. These are sections of the plant where high-level nuclear waste will be routed, but which under the design philosophy being followed will never be accessible for future maintenance or inspection. According to recent reports by the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board staff, as many as 1000 pipe sections procured by BNI for installation in the WTP “black cells” were not subjected to the required 100% quality inspections.

While the Board staff confirms that BNI and the Department are working to address this matter, that this sort of problem continues to occur at the WTP project is extremely troubling given the long history of quality-related procurement issues at the project, including a similar failure, dating back to 2004, where BNI failed to ensure that approximately 70 “black cell” processing vessels were fully inspected. In fact, the Department’s Office of Price Anderson Enforcement has found that BNI has a pattern of improperly handling the procurement of critical components and systems, extending well beyond the “black cell” components. In both March 2006 (see EA 2006-03) and in October 2007 (see EA 2007-05), the Office identified and proposed fines related to multiple instances where BNI did not properly procure critical equipment, some dating back to 2001, and including the plant’s computerized control system.

As you may recall, in April 2006, I also wrote to the Director of the Department’s Office of Price-Anderson Enforcement asking for an investigation into allegations raised by a BNI employee whistleblower at the Hanford site concerning safety problems with the computerized control system being procured for the WTP. Central to those concerns was the fact that BNI’s procurement system did not ensure that the control system met the nuclear safety quality requirements essential for such a system. Rather, BNI procured this system as a “commercial-grade” product effectively bypassing nuclear quality specifications and nuclear quality assurance/quality control requirements.

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The central issue in these allegations -- that procurement of this critical system had been improperly treated as commercial procurement -- has largely been validated by both the Office of Price-Anderson Enforcement (see EA-2007-05) and by the Office of Inspector General (IG) (see DOE/IG-0764, "Audit Report – Quality Assurance Standards for the Integrated Control Network at the Hanford Site's Waste Treatment Plant").

Total project cost for the WTP has already more than doubled from \$5.87 billion to \$12.63 billion. The scheduled completion of the project has already slipped from July 2011 to November 2019. Continuing procurement issues at WTP raise additional questions about the ability of BNI and the Department to meet these new targets and the safety of the plant. They also raise serious questions about the effectiveness of the Department's oversight of BNI's construction management and procurement practices.

I am therefore requesting an explanation of the causes of the most recent "black cell" procurement problems and what measures BNI and the Department will put in place to ensure that "black cell" components meet the necessary performance, inspection, and quality control requirements to ensure their long-term performance and safety. I would also like a report on the outcome of the reviews of the computerized control system you stated would be done in your letter of June 12, 2007. Finally, I would like an explanation of what additional actions the Department is going to take to address the larger issue of the continuing pattern of inadequate construction management and procurement problems for critical WTP systems and components, including allocation of costs to remedy these problems and their impact on BNI award fees. Please provide your response no later than April 30, 2008.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator

Cc: Bud Albright,
Under Secretary of Energy
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 16, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to express serious concerns about many of the issues raised by the report released yesterday by the Department's Inspector General report titled "The Department's Progress in Meeting Los Alamos National Laboratory Consent Order Milestones." At the core of our concerns are two issues: 1) the clear inadequacy of the Department's information and analysis prior to entering into a legally binding agreement with the New Mexico Department of Environment to conduct a cleanup within prescribed timeframes, and 2) the Department of Energy's serious, year after year, under-funding of cleanup activities.

On page 3 of the cover letter to that report the IG states that "Environmental Management acknowledged that its FY2009 budget would not allow it to meet certain milestones contained in the environmental agreements that have been negotiated with regulators [including the New Mexico Environmental Department]. Later the letter states that same milestones will be missed regardless of funding. Management noted that some of the agreements were negotiated with incomplete knowledge of the technical complexity and magnitude of costs that would be involved." The Inspector General further notes on page 2 of the actual report that in February of 2005 the NNSA Los Alamos Site Manager stated he had strong reservations that appropriate resources had not been identified to fully execute the environmental management program needed to meet the requirements of the Consent Order with the New Mexico Environmental Department. Finally, it appears from the report that a certified baseline for the clean up of Areas L and G was not fully completed until March, 2008, three years after the Consent Order was signed.

When reading the entirety of these statements, and the report as a whole, it appears that the Department of Energy entered into negotiations with the New Mexico Environmental Department knowing that it was working with grossly inadequate information about the cleanup requirements. The result was an agreement that dramatically underestimated the costs and time requirements for the cleanup of the two areas studied by the IG, and virtually guaranteed the Department would fail to meet the milestones it agreed to fulfill.

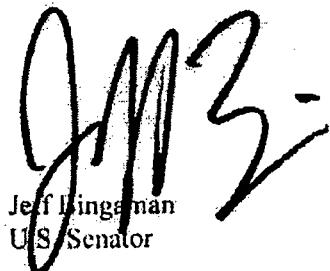
We find it puzzling that the Department conducted these negotiations woefully uninformed, given that the Department had extensive experience in negotiating cleanup agreements prior to the New Mexico negotiations. This is very troubling, and the Department's subsequent inadequate request for funding continues to be wholly irresponsible.

Accordingly, we write to ask you to provide the following information at the earliest possible date:

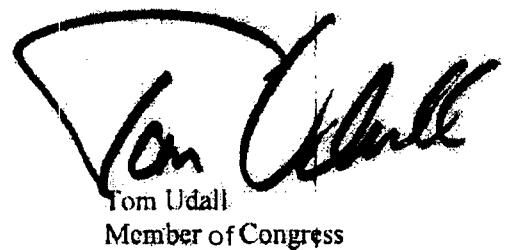
- Which if any of the milestones are in risk of not being met?
- By what date does the Department expect to meet these individual milestones?
 - Beyond the two cleanup activities studied, are there other milestones within the consent order the Department projects not being able to meet?
 - What is the additional funding requirement necessary to meet these agreed upon milestones?
 - How does the Department expect to fund these shortfalls for FY 08, FY 09, and beyond?

We look forward bath to a timely response to this requests and to your explanation of how this serious set of errors could have occurred.

Sincerely



Jeff Bingaman
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May 5, 2008

The Honorable C.H. "Bud" Albright, Jr.
Under Secretary of Energy
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Bud:

I am writing regarding the possible extension of Department of Energy (DOE) small business contracts.

The Bush Administration rightfully started the Small Business Initiative in 2001 in order to broaden the number of prime contracts within DOE for small businesses. Your Department is to be commended for expanding the small business base over the past seven years. It is my understanding that Departmental officials, both in the field and at headquarters, have been very pleased by the performance of many of the small business contractors.

It is my understanding that there are numerous small business prime contracts throughout the DOE complex that are up for renewal, and it is my hope that the Department develops specific and concrete ideas on how best to utilize future small business contract structures, including extensions, to help accelerate risk reduction and site closures across DOE sites and facilities, especially those in my District in Paducah, Kentucky.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I appreciate your leadership in managing the integration of the Department's varied missions, and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Ed Whitfield
Member of Congress

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 21, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request that you review issues related to the Department of Energy's (DOE) clean-up program and, specifically, its decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) plans for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS).

I am concerned that important clean-up decisions are being made before substantive input has been received from the local community. No members have been appointed to the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) and once members are appointed, it will take at least several months, if not longer, before the group will be able to provide constructive input on DOE's clean-up plans. A critical element of successful clean-up programs, like Rocky Flats, is the development of community support on site issues through close collaboration between DOE, local governments, and community leaders. The consensus built through this collaboration can expedite the clean-up process, while a lack of this consensus building only leads to delays and roadblocks. I encourage DOE to take ample time and effort to build these critical relationships before decisions are made affecting the site.

I understand that in its Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund 2007 Report to Congress, the Department is developing its acquisition strategy for the D&D work scope at PORTS, and it intends to issue an RFP as early as this summer.

I am concerned about the small amount of money DOE is spending on the PORTS clean-up. From FY 2005 to FY 2009 the administration's proposed funding for the program has dropped almost \$2 billion from \$7.3 billion to \$5.5 billion. When this \$2 billion reduction is coupled with the fact that DOE's fixed or "mortgage" costs at its clean-up sites are in the range of \$3 billion a year, it is clear that funding for the real work of DOE's clean-up program has been cut in half since FY 2005.

Unfortunately, this funding decline is likely to have a severely adverse impact on clean-up progress at PORTS. I am perplexed by the notion that the Department believes it can make meaningful progress on the clean-up of PORTS by spending, as it estimates, roughly \$100 to \$175 million a year going forward, when the anticipated total project cost is \$8.2 billion. DOE should devote the necessary resources to the PORTS project and perform an accelerated clean-up so that years of time and billions of dollars can be saved. To help ensure a sufficient funding

stream, I have introduced legislation to reauthorize the Uranium D&D Fund. And there are other viable sources of funding to support DOE's clean-up work, including the sale of valuable assets of DOE such as depleted uranium and excess physical infrastructure that may be found at sites like PORTS.

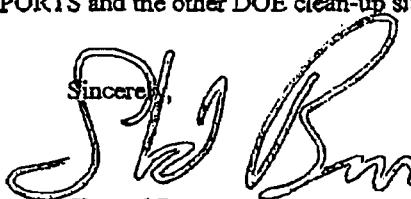
I am also concerned that the Department plans to use a "management and integration" (M&I) contract model that involves many different contractors. This approach was attempted in the clean-up of DOE's Rocky Flats site and was scrapped after costly overruns and missed regulatory milestones and deadlines. Eventually, DOE put a "closure" contract model into place at Rocky Flats that used a single contractor who coordinated all the work and was solely accountable to the Department. Not only was this approach highly successful, but it cut the project timeline by several decades and saved taxpayers billions of dollars. Likewise, two DOE sites in the State of Ohio – Fernald and Mound – were cleaned up on an accelerated basis using closure model contracts, saving many years of work and billions of dollars.

It is important to note that while I strongly advocate for the quickest and most efficient clean-up possible, any acceleration in the scheduled clean-up date should not adversely affect the pension plans or health benefits of clean-up workers. In the past, workers were unable to meet the minimum age and years-of-service requirements because sites were completed faster than their originally scheduled end dates. In these cases, employees lost benefits they had worked hard to secure. It must be clearly stated in every DOE clean-up contract that changes in the clean-up end date will not adversely affect the potential for accrued benefits.

In addition to addressing concerns highlighted above, please respond to the following questions on PORTS clean-up planning:

- What is DOE doing to protect worker pensions, health benefits, and job security and continuity as it transitions to full scale D&D?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of extending the PORTS clean-up for 30 or more years, rather than pursuing an accelerated program?
- How much time is DOE allotting for community involvement before it releases any request for proposal regarding PORTS?
- What considerations would prompt the Department to perform an M&I contract when closure contracts have been so successful?

I look forward to engaging in a thoughtful dialogue with you as to how we may find a better path forward to address the clean-up of PORTS and the other DOE clean-up sites across the nation.

Sincerely,

Sherrod Brown
United States Senate

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 15, 2008

The Honorable James A. Rispoli
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
U.S. Department of Energy
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Room 5A-014
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Assistant Secretary Rispoli:

We are writing concerning the pending award of the Mission Support contract (MSC) at Hanford.

The last official announcement from the Department on the timing of the award of the MSC contract was that it would be awarded prior to award of the Tank Operations contract and the Central Plateau contract. However, both of these two contracts have now been awarded with no official word from the Department on why the order of award was changed or, more importantly, when the MSC contract award is expected to be made.

As you can imagine, with three new contracts being awarded at Hanford there are questions and concerns about what the changes will mean. These questions have been amplified by the Department's actions to depart from previously announced plans and award the MSC contract last.

A public statement from the Department about what prompted the decision to change the order of the contract awards, any potential impacts the decision could have on cleanup, and what to expect regarding the timing of the Mission Support contract award would be very helpful. As the MSC contract will be responsible for management of workforce benefits and coordinating services among all site contractors, details about steps the Department is taking to ensure smooth transitions will take place as each of these three contracts are implemented would also be helpful.

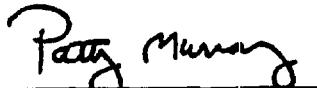
As you know we have no role in selecting contract winners, rather our concern has always been the impact federal policies and decisions on the local community, the Hanford workforce and cleanup progress. It is for these reasons that we are asking and encouraging the Department to provide more information on its actions, intentions and plans. Such information would be very helpful to Hanford workers and to the local community.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
United States Representative



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Murray, Hastings Press DOE for Answers on Hanford Mission Support Contract

Washington, D.C. – Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Doc Hastings are urging the Department of Energy to provide information about the path forward on Hanford's Mission Support contract. In a letter sent today to DOE Assistant Secretary James Rispoli, the lawmakers requested that the DOE make public details about the timing of the Mission Support contract award and potential impacts on cleanup.

"Our Hanford workers and the local community deserve to have a clear view of what the future holds instead of being left to guess. We encourage DOE to come forward with the details and answers this community deserves," Senator Murray said.

"Rather than leaving everyone to speculate on why DOE changed their plan to award the Mission Support contract first and what it means, it'd be very helpful for DOE to simply explain what they're doing and when they intend to award the contract," said Hastings.

Click [here](#) to read the Murray-Hastings letter.

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

July 17, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I've recently been made aware of the status of a lawsuit filed by a small business concern against the Department of Energy ("DOE") with regard to bid and proposal costs related to DOE's decision to cancel, without ever making a proper award, the small business set-aside solicitation for the deactivation and decommissioning of the Fast Flux Test Facility ("FFTF") in Washington state. The FFTF solicitation was featured by DOE at the time it was released as the Department's largest small business set-aside contract and an attempt by DOE to improve its record on awarding contracts to small business concerns.

Without commenting on the particular merits of the lawsuit, I am nevertheless concerned by the facts as presented and the basis for DOE's decision to cancel, rather than amend and continue the solicitation. DOE and the small business concerns invested over three years of effort in the solicitation process. The small business concerns not only had to utilize their limited resources to prepare and submit offers, but also had to forgo other business opportunities while they pursued the DOE contract. A significant contributor to the length of this process was a violation of procurement regulations by DOE officials, as determined by the Government Accountability Office.

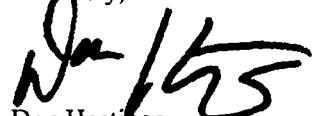
Also of concern is the fact that, based on the DOE budget requests, DOE has spent, via a contract with the existing major contractor, over \$116 million on project tasks since the solicitation's cancellation with an additional \$10.7 million budgeted to be spent. It is also apparent that the small business concerns that competed for this procurement offered to perform the work at a substantially cheaper price than the existing contractor.

I am concerned that DOE made the decision to cancel based on its own administrative convenience rather than considering the best interests of the public including the small businesses competing for this project and the taxpayers that are

paying for the work. In order to have a better understanding of this process, I would appreciate a review of this matter to determine whether the cancellation increased the expenditure of tax dollars and to determine the impact on DOE's small business contracting program including the small businesses that were encouraged by DOE to compete for this work.

Thank you for your leadership and your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
U.S. Congressman

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1. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Thad Cochran, and Representatives Gene Taylor and Roger Wicker

Subject: Senator Thad Cochran, and Representatives Gene Taylor and Roger Wicker requests representatives from the Department of Energy to conduct additional public hearings in South Mississippi relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve expansion in the Richton, Mississippi, salt domes

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| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 15-Jan-2008 10:11AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |

2. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Joseph Lieberman, Ranking Minority Member Susan M. Collins and Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations Carl Levin and Ranking Minority

Subject: Chairman Joseph Lieberman and Ranking Minority Member Susan M. Collins, Chairman Carl Levin and Norm Coleman writes urging the Department of Energy to suspend temporarily filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 01-Feb-2008 |

3. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representatives Jerry Costello Plus 38

Subject: Thirty-nine Members of Congress expresses views regarding affordable energy and encourages the President to pursue a strategy built upon America's unrivaled coal reserves and the Nation's long-standing dedication to technological innovation

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Feb-2008 |

4. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Richard Durbin, Senator Barrack Obama, and Representatives T. Johnson, J. Costello, R. LaHood, R. Emanuel, R. Roskam, J. Schakowsky, D. Davis, and

Subject: Senators Richard J. Durbin and Nine Members of Congress expresses concern about the Department of Energy's reluctance to move forward with the FutureGen Project

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Feb-2008 |

5. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Nick Lampson

Subject: Representative Nick Lampson urges President Bush to consider halting the "Royalty-In-Kind Program" for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in order to direct new funding towards energy research projects

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6. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Robert C. Byrd

Subject: Senator Robert C. Byrd requests a status report, including significant milestone events, leading to full implementation of the projects listed, and identified in Senate Report 110-127, and included in, or incorporated by reference into, the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2008, and the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Managers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001902 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Date Created: | 13-Feb-2008 9:22AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 26-Feb-2008 |

7. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators David Vitter, Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker

Subject: Senators David Vitter, Thad Cochran & Roger Wicker regarding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve(SPR) suggests that we expand the SPR to serve as an emergency supply of crude oil in case of major supply disruption; and also expresses concerns about the high energy and gas prices that Americans are facing today

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| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 14-Feb-2008 11:01AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 27-Feb-2008 |

8. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Charles E. Schumer

Subject: Senator Charles E. Schumer asks the Department of Energy to release any analysis regarding relative costs of filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |

9. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring a letter from Representative Ron Kind

Subject: Representative Ron Kind urges the Department of Energy to suspend oil shipments to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to allow more oil to remain on the market and available to consumers

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| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 28-Feb-2008 9:20AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |

10. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representatives Ron Kind, Rahm Emanuel, and Peter Welch

Subject: Representatives Ron Kind, Rahm Emanuel, and Peter Welch urges the President to direct the Department of Energy to temporarily suspend purchases of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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11. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators Dick Durbin and Barack Obama; Representatives Tim Johnson, John Shimkus, Jan Schakowsky, Jerry Costello, Peter Roskam Donald Manzullo, Ray LaHood, Mark**
Subject: Twenty Members of Congress urge the President to reverse course and instruct the Department of Energy to release the record of decision and pledge support for FutureGen project in Mattoon, Illinois
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| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 12-Mar-2008 8:27AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 24-Mar-2008 |
12. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring a letter from Representative Joseph Courtney, Welch, Yarmuth, Sutton, Hare, Cohen, Braley, Langevin, Kagen, Walz, Clarke, Carney, McGovern, Hodes, Murphy, Johnson, McCarthy, La**
Subject: Representative Joseph Courtney and Thirty-one Members of Congress urges President Bush to direct the Department of Energy to temporarily suspend purchases of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve
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| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 27-Mar-2008 9:48AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
13. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman courtesy copy of a letter addressed to The Honorable George W. Bush from Representative Neil Abercrombie**
Subject: Representative Neil Abercrombie requests President Bush to temporary release crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve
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| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 03-Apr-2008 9:34AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |
14. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Tim Johnson, P. Stark, S. Capito, J. Costello, J. Knollenberg, R. Lewis, L. Gutierrez, D. Manzullo, E. Whitfield, F. Sensenbrenner, D. Rehberg, W. Sali, T. Murphy, M. Bean, B. Hill, S. My**
Subject: Representative Tim Johnson and Twenty-three Members of Congress expresses their support for FutureGen and Matton, Illinois as the site for this initiative
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| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 03-Apr-2008 10:49AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 15-Apr-2008 |
15. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Senators Byron Dorgan Plus 50 Members of Congress**
Subject: Fifty-one Members of Congress urge the President to immediately stop filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) for the remainder of the year unless the price of oil drops below \$75 per barrel
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004144 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Apr-2008 8:42AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 17-Apr-2008 |

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16. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Neil Abercrombie

Subject: Representative Neil Abercrombie requesting the President to authorize a temporary release of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the airline and cargo shipping industries

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004406 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Apr-2008 8:35AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |

17. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Kirsten Gillibrand

Subject: Representative Kirsten Gillibrand requesting that the President direct the Department of Energy to drawdown the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by two and million barrels of oil per month for the next six months while suspending future purchases for the same time period

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004407 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 03-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Apr-2008 8:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |

18. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator John Ensign and Representatives Jon Porter and Dean Heller

Subject: Senator John Ensign, Representatives Jon Porter and Dean Heller expresses support for Sierra Pacific Resource's proposal to make the Ely Energy Center a site for the revised FutureGen Energy Program and ask the Department of Energy to consider awarding Nevada this opportunity

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004897 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Date Created: | 24-Apr-2008 8:56AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 06-May-2008 |

19. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representatives Edward J. Markey, Rahm Emanuel, and Peter Welch

Subject: Urging the President to immediately suspend filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and announce his intention to release oil from the reserve

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005087 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 29-Apr-2008 8:59AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 09-May-2008 |

20. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Jason Altmire

Subject: Requesting that the President direct the Department of Energy to suspend shipment of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005276 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 8:20AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

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21. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Christopher Murphy

Subject: Requesting that the President direct the Department of Energy to temporarily suspend purchasing oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005277 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 8:24AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

22. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Andre Carson

Subject: Requesting that the President draw from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help Americans who are adversely affected by inflationary energy costs and to support initiatives that make investments in diversification of domestic energy reserves and resources

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005278 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 8:27AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

23. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative John Barrow

Subject: Suggesting that the President direct the Department of Energy to temporarily suspend purchases of oil replacement to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005279 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 8:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

24. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Silvestre Reyes

Subject: Expressing concern about the recent attacks targeting oil transports and production facilities around the world and encourage the President to release oil from the Nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005280 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 8:41AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

25. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Joe Donnelly

Subject: Urging the President to direct the Department of Energy to immediately release 20 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to the market and to temporarily suspend the purchase of oil for the SPR

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005281 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 8:43AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

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26. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators Kay Bailey Hutchinson, John Barrasso, Christopher Bond, John E. Sununu, ?, Orrin G. Hatch, Jeff Sessions, Saxby Chambliss, Judd Gregg, John Cornyn, ?, E**

Subject: Requesting that the Department of Energy immediately halt deposits of domestic crude oil into the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005512 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 29-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-May-2008 10:48AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-May-2008 |

27. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Edward J. Markey, Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming**

Subject: Informs DOE that both the House and Senate will consider and are expected to pass legislation that would temporarily halt the fill of the SPR for remainder of 2008; ask DOE not to take actions to enter into further contracts to purchase additional oil to fill SPR

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005527 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 13-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-May-2008 4:00PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-May-2008 |

28. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Joseph Courtney**

Subject: Urging the President to rescind the solicitation of bids to add more oil per day the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005643 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 05-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 16-May-2008 8:23AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-May-2008 |

29. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Richard J. Durbin and Christopher S. Bond**

Subject: Expresses their support for the FutureGen program and concern about how the Nation and the Department will move forward with this program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005743 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 19-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 8:57AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Jun-2008 |

30. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Paul Hodes**

Subject: Urging the President to direct the Department of Energy to temporarily suspend purchasing of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005804 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 21-May-2008 11:24AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Jun-2008 |

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31. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Frank Wolf

Subject: Urging the President to temporarily suspend filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve as a short-term solution to the soaring fuel prices

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005808 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 21-May-2008 11:37AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Jun-2008 |

32. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring a letter from Senator Chuck Grassley

Subject: Urges President Bush to immediately halt the deposits of crude oil in our nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005935 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 22-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 27-May-2008 9:20AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |

33. Note to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Ted Stevens

Subject: Senator Stevens advises of Japan involvement in the Canadian experiment also forwards a news article

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006400 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 10-Jun-2008 11:16AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

34. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative John Dingell (D-MI) addressed to President Bush

Subject: Representative John Dingell urges the President to direct the Secretary of DOE not to enter into any new contracts to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) during calendar year 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006907 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 25-Jun-2008 10:52AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |

35. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell (D-MI), Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Requesting the Department of Energy's response to questions as to whether to begin active sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve crude oil in an effort to provide gasoline price relief to American consumers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007421 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Jul-2008 11:12AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

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36. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from the White House transmitting a letter from Representative Bart Gordon (D-TN)

Subject: Support to the Global Strategy to launch 20 carbon capture and storage demonstration projects by 2010 as recommended by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF).

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007600 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 17-Jul-2008 7:44AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

37. Letter to FE/Carl Bauer from Representative Chip Pickering

Subject: Writing regarding the types of projects that are eligible for funding consideration within the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) demonstration program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008103 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 30-Jul-2008 11:14AM |
| Address Office: | FE | Due Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |

38. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Richard J. Durbin(D-IL), Reid, Nelson, Vitter, Klobuchar, Conrad, Stabenow, Feinstein, Kohl, Boxer, Brown, Pryor, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Schumer, Inouye, Cardin, Johnson, Casey, Wyden, Reed,

Subject: Urges President Bush to direct the Department of Energy to release light sweet crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help Americans at the pump

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008548 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Aug-2008 11:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 19-Aug-2008 |

39. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Ted Stevens(R-AK), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Pete Domenici (R-NM), Jim Inhofe (R-OK), Kay B. Hutchison (R-TX), John Cornyn (R-TX), John R. Warner (R-VA), David Vitter (R-LA), Mel Martinez (R-FL),

Subject: Requests President Bush to issue an Executive Order based on National Security considerations to mandate the U.S. Geological Survey to conduct an immediate State-of-The-ART Seismic Survey of the hydrocarbon resources within the 1.5 million acre 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008549 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 07-Aug-2008 12:36PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

40. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring a letter from Representative James P. McGovern (D-MA) to President George W. Bush

Subject: Urging the President to draw down the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008623 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 7:35AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Aug-2008 |

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41. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Lisa Murkowski

Subject: Requesting DOE to permit the Department's Arctic Energy Office to have greater flexibility to tackle a wider range of energy issues in Alaska; expand its mandate to also work on non-fossil/alternative energy development in Arctic climates, reporting directly to the Office of the Secretary.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009327 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 26-Aug-2008 11:27AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Sep-2008 |

42. Email to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)

Subject: Regarding a DOE Order issued pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009985 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 10-Sep-2008 9:01AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-Sep-2008 |

43. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA) and One Hundred Fifty-Six Members of Congress

Subject: Urges the President to veto any spending bills that would continue the moratorium on Outer Continental Shelf Drilling

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011072 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 09-Oct-2008 11:36AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

44. White House referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA)

Subject: Write in support of Governor Perdue's September 29, 2008, request to make a release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011352 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 20-Oct-2008 11:30AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Oct-2008 |

45. Letter to Secretary Bodman from Ranking Member Susan Collins, United States Senate

Subject: Write urging the completion of the final determination of the review process for the Waterway Suitability Report for the first two proposed Liquified Natural Gas terminals that was expected a year ago

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012462 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 14-Nov-2008 10:11AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

January 14, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to request that representatives from the Department of Energy hold additional public hearings in South Mississippi relating to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve expansion in the Richton, Mississippi salt domes.

Although the Department of Energy originally held their public hearing on October 18, 2005, at the Marriott in Jackson, Mississippi, the citizens of South Mississippi and state and local officials may have been unaware of these hearings. At the time, they were heavily involved with recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina which hit the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005.

There are a number of questions that the citizens and public officials would like to have answered about the potential impact that this project may have on the Pascagoula River and the Gulf of Mexico. Additional public hearings will give the citizens and state and local officials an opportunity to ask questions and hear first-hand the plans for the expansion.

Again, we ask you to send the appropriate official from your agency to conduct additional public hearings in South Mississippi on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve expansion in the Richton, Mississippi salt domes. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Paul Coker
Roger Wicker

Gene Taylor

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

January 10, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

In light of record-high crude oil prices and the devastating impact on many Americans struggling to heat their homes this winter, we are writing to urge you to suspend temporarily filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

On January 2, the price of crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange briefly reached \$100/barrel. This caps a rapid rise in prices from \$71/barrel in August 2007, an increase that cannot be explained by increased demand or tight supplies alone. This winter, the Energy Information Administration estimates that households can expect to pay between 10 to 22 percent more for heating fuels than during the 2006-2007 winter. In the state of Maine, for example, consumers face home heating oil prices 17 percent higher than this time last year (\$2.31/gallon in December 2006 compared to \$3.28/gallon as of December 31, 2007). No one should be forced to choose between medicine and food or heat, but the rapid increase in crude oil prices has pushed many citizens into exactly such crisis situations.

Section 301(c) of P.L. 109-58, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 ("the Levin-Collins amendment"), requires the Department of Energy (DOE) to follow procedures for the acquisition of oil for the SPR that "avoid incurring excessive cost or appreciably affecting the price of petroleum products to consumers" and "avoid adversely affecting current and futures prices, supplies, and inventories of oil." At a recent joint hearing of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Energy, one of the witnesses, Dr. Philip Verleger, stated that his analysis shows that a significant portion of the rise in crude oil prices since August was caused by DOE's decision to fill the SPR.

In enacting Section 301(c), Congress intended DOE to resume use of the sensible business model it employed prior to 2002 for acquiring oil for the SPR – buying more oil for the SPR when prices were low and supplies were plentiful, and less oil when prices were high and supplies were tight. Instead, DOE is buying oil when prices are nearing record highs and supplies are tight, taking valuable oil off the market at the very time more supply would ease prices. DOE has

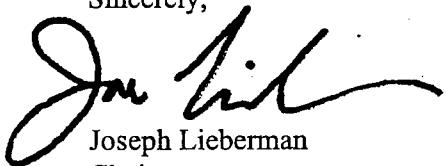
presented no compelling Justification for this course of action which disregards the significant impact of the SPR fill program upon oil prices, consumers, and the U.S. economy.

The SPR already contains nearly 700 million barrels of oil. DOE plans to acquire almost 13 million more barrels of oil for the SPR in the first six months of 2008, in connection with the Department of Interior's royalty-in-kind program. A deferral of these deposits would increase oil supplies to the U.S. market and help decrease record-high prices with no detriment to the SPR's ability to supply oil in the event of a supply disruption.

Based on futures market prices and the Department's own forecasting of crude oil prices, a deferral of SPR deliveries until later in the year would allow the Department to acquire oil at a substantial discount compared to today's prices, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars. These funds could be used to fund increases in programs such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that provides states funding to operate home energy assistance programs for low-income families, the elderly, and others who may be on limited incomes and in need of assistance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph Lieberman
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs



Carl Levin
Chairman
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations



Susan M. Collins
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs



Norm Coleman
Ranking Minority Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

February 04, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 745070

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: JANUARY 24, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JERRY COSTELLO
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING AFFORDABLE ENERGY AND
ENCOURAGES THE PRESIDENT TO PURSUE A STRATEGY BUILT
UPON AMERICA'S UNRIVALED COAL RESERVES AND THE
NATION'S LONG-STANDING DEDICATION TO TECHNOLOGICAL
INNOVATION

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 24, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We applaud your ongoing commitment to advancing the use of coal to provide the affordable energy needed to ensure continued American prosperity and future energy independence. In your recent year-end press conference you noted that America possesses 250 years of domestic coal reserves and emphasized your belief that technologies can be developed that will enable coal to be utilized in an environmentally friendly way. In setting a course to address our nation's energy future, we encourage you to pursue a strategy built upon America's unrivaled coal reserves and the nation's long-standing dedication to technological innovation. Such a course will ensure that two uniquely American strengths can best be used to help meet critically important energy, economic and environment goals. Your forthcoming State of the Union address presents an excellent opportunity to promote increased coal utilization through the further development of clean coal technologies that can provide Americans with a secure source of affordable energy, while managing greenhouse gas emissions and improving energy generation efficiency.

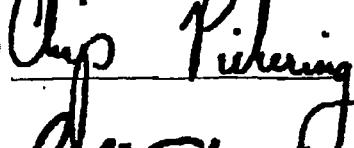
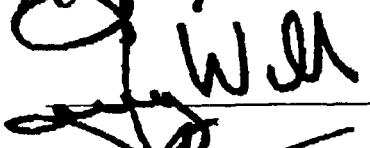
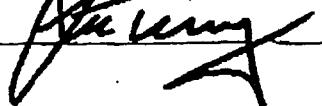
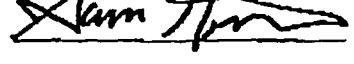
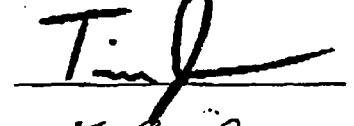
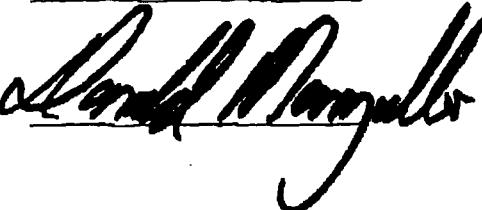
Last year you asked Congress to help end America's addiction to foreign oil by increasing alternative fuel use and by mandating higher fuel efficiency standards for automobiles, both of which can also help confront the serious challenges of global climate change, a challenge cited in your 2007 State of the Union address. In response, Congress presented you with legislation that advances the achievement of both goals. To build upon that progress, we urge you to use your State of the Union address to call on Congress to expand upon the nation's successful clean coal technology programs. A more robust commitment to such programs will see America's most abundant energy resource—coal—used to more cleanly generate electricity; provide a new source of clean, domestic transportation fuels; and supply affordable feedstocks for American manufacturers. An investment by Congress in clean coal technology is an investment in the future of America.

Coal already provides half of our nation's electricity, and through added congressional support for clean coal technology programs, this geographically diverse domestic energy resource can further our shared goals of strengthening America's energy independence and confronting the challenges posed by climate change. As the nation faces the prospect of

becoming increasingly dependent on expensive foreign energy, we believe Americans would welcome a strong message of support from you on the importance of promoting the development of advanced clean coal technologies, and we hope you will take the opportunity to include such a message in your State of the Union address.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

 
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February 08, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 745460

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: JANUARY 30, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: RICHARD DURBIN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT SECRETARY BODMAN RELUCTANCE
TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FUTUREGEN PROJECT

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

January 30, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday, we were informed by your Secretary of Energy that he was radically restructuring the FutureGen project -- effectively killing the program in Central Illinois. As you may recall, FutureGen is the cornerstone of your clean coal initiative and a project that your Administration has been pushing for more than five years. This project will design and construct a commercial scale coal-fueled power plant with a large-scale carbon capture and storage capacity.

Many have argued that this abrupt about face by Secretary Bodman was the direct result of the FutureGen Alliance choosing Mattoon, Illinois as the site, over Texas applicants. While we'd like not to believe this theory, there is no other plausible explanation. As recently as November 30, 2007, Secretary Bodman assured Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation that FutureGen was on track for final approval from the Department by the end of the calendar year, including a Record of Decision (ROD). After careful scientific vetting and a comprehensive environmental review, the FutureGen Alliance chose Mattoon as the site on December 18, 2007.

Yesterday, the Secretary informed a bipartisan, bicameral gathering of the Illinois Congressional Delegation that he would not release a ROD on FutureGen. Further, he stated that he was going to scrap your signature clean coal initiative, redesign it, and recompete it. And he refused to delay his announcement in order for us to help address outstanding issues with the Department and the Alliance. This after the community, the State of Illinois, private industry, and international partners spent years successfully working together to site FutureGen in Mattoon, Illinois and to provide much needed funding.

Last night, the Secretary released a statement which indicated that his reluctance to move forward with the project was due to cost increases in the past five years. Yet when the Secretary was assured that we were prepared to provide adequate funding and to resolve any other outstanding issues between the Administration and the FutureGen Alliance if he would take steps to move FutureGen forward, he unequivocally refused. Given that, it is hard to believe that cost concerns constitute his real objection to this project.

Mr. President, we have lost confidence in Secretary Bodman. From moving the Kare Isotope Accelerator project to the back burner (a spirited competition between Illinois and Michigan) to short-changing our national laboratories to his troubling comments about ethanol and alternative fuels to this recent FutureGen debacle, he has proven to be no ally in our efforts to promote scientific research, address new technology for clean energy development and to boost our struggling economy.

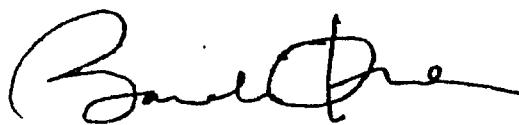
We feel that the Secretary misled us and the people of Illinois, creating false hope in a FutureGen project which he had no intention of funding or supporting. We are writing today to urge you to keep FutureGen on track, so that this project can begin construction and become a reality.

Mr. President, we, the State of Illinois, and the FutureGen Alliance stand ready to move this important project forward. It would be unfortunate to wait for the next Administration to complete the project that you announced and have promoted for more than five years.

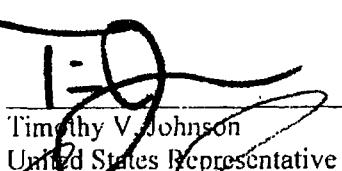
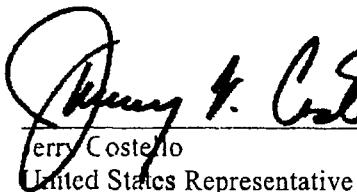
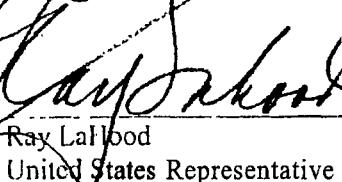
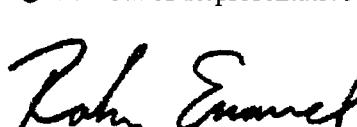
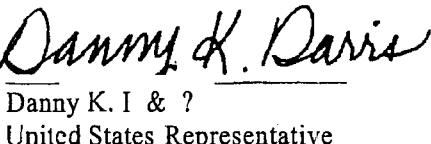
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February 08, 2008

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MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: JANUARY 25, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: NICK LAMPSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER HALTING THE "ROYALTY-IN-KIND PROGRAM (RIK) FOR THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR) IN ORDER TO DIRECT NEW FUNDING TOWARDS ENERGY RESEARCH PROJECTS

COMMENTS:

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January 25, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

As Congress considers a second economic stimulus package to help fund energy research and development, I urge you to strongly consider halting the "royalty-in-kind" (RIK) program for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (**SPR**) in order to direct new funding towards energy research projects.

I believe that continuing to acquire oil for the SPR while it is nearly \$100 a barrel is imprudent and fiscally irresponsible. With current US strategic public and private inventories far exceeding IEA Treaty requirements, this action only serves to exacerbate high oil prices. Instead, I propose selling RIK oil on the market and using the revenue to fund R & D that will lead to an increase in both traditional and alternative domestic energy supplies.

Despite Congress' authorization of a myriad of research programs and the Department of Energy's (DOE) allocation of grants, many research projects have not received full funding due to budget constraints. A recent GAO analysis indicated that in real dollars, budget authority for DOE's energy research programs declined by 85% between 1978 and 2005.

Americans are struggling with high gas prices, and are deeply concerned about our national security and global warming. The sale of additional oil would immediately help lower consumer energy costs while the nation's energy system – sources and infrastructure – is being transformed while also addressing national security and global climate change.

Next week I plan to introduce legislation to suspend the RIK program during FY2008, and direct the DOE to sell that oil on the open market yielding around \$1 billion in revenues. These revenues will be directed to finance various research projects across the nation. My fully paid-for legislation will fund geothermal, carbon capture, wind, hydrogen, solar, water, natural gas and deepwater exploration, energy efficiency, and energy storage and transportation research projects located in nearly every state and at hundreds of universities.

Current **federal** investment in energy solutions is completely inadequate in the face of the energy challenges of increased demand, energy security and climate change. My proposal would provide actual and immediate funding for programs authorized in various energy bills since 2005, including the most recent bill passed last December. It would also represent a serious commitment to **energy** in 2008.

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I greatly appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to working with the Administration to address our nation's energy needs.

Sincerely,



NICK LAMPSON

Member of Congress

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January 31, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585-0800

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Now that the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, has been signed into law, I would be very appreciative if you would provide me with a status report, including significant milestone events, leading to full implementation of the projects listed below, and identified in Senate Report 110-127, and included in, or incorporated by reference into, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, and the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Managers.

- **National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) Program Direction:** An amount of \$19,223,600 above the President's budget request of \$97.7 million to restore NETL's Program Direction.
- **Maintenance at NETL:** An amount of \$7,927,200 for general maintenance at NETL's Morgantown site. These funds will be used to replace deteriorated and leaking roofs; replace/repair building facades; and upgrade site utility infrastructure at Morgantown NETL. An additional \$4,954,000 is available to support general maintenance at the NETL Pittsburgh campus. These funds will be used to upgrade existing antiquated heating, venting, air conditioning (HVAC) systems and controls; repair building utility infrastructure; replace old restrooms and shower rooms to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and replace potable water distribution lines.
- **Coal Research and Development Programs (Fuels and Power Systems) at NETL:** An amount of \$106.323 million above the President's budget request of \$245 million for the Coal Research and Development programs that are administered by NETL.
- **Natural Gas and Oil Research and Development Programs at NETL:** An amount of \$24.772 million above the President's budget request of \$0 to restore the Natural Gas (\$19.818 million) and Oil (\$4.954 million) Research and Development programs that are administered by NETL.

- **NETL Program Direction Bill Language:** Bill language to counter a statutory limitation included in the FY 1996 Energy and Water Appropriations bill on the use of program direction funds to pay for federal employees who conduct federal research.
- **NETL Research Bill Language:** Bill language that would allow NETL employees to continue to engage in research with other DOE programs.
- **Establishment of a New Coal and Biomass Fuels research program:** Report language to establish a new Coal and Biomass Fuels research program under the Office of Fossil Energy, which would focus on ways to incorporate the capture and storage of carbon dioxide emissions into the coal-biomass-to-liquids process.
- **Energy-Water Research program:** Report language establishing a new research and development program on the link between water and fossil energy extraction and utilization to be conducted by several DOE laboratories, including NETL.
- **Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI):** An amount \$69.363 million for the CCPI.
- **NETL Grid Modernization and Energy Infrastructure Protection Initiative:** Report language directing that the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability continue working with NETL with respect to research and development activities that support grid modernization and energy assurance.
- **Computational Energy Sciences:** Within available funds for Advanced Research, \$5,000,000 shall be for computational energy sciences.
- **Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute:** An amount of \$1.968 million for equipment for the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute, Morgantown. **An Office of Science grant application should be sent to: Mark A. Cochran, PhD., Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute, One Medical Center Drive, P.O. Box 9301, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506-9301.**
- **West Virginia University (WVU) Transportable Emissions Testing Laboratory:** An amount of \$984,000 for WVU to continue the WVU Transportable Emissions Testing Laboratory, which is a one-of-a-kind laboratory that tests emissions of alternative fuel vehicle fleets and maintains a national database of this information. **A grant application should be sent to: Ms. Mary Bowman, West Virginia University Research Corporation, 886 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 208, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506.**

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- **WVU Lightweight Composite Materials for Heavy-Duty Vehicles program:** An amount of \$492,000 for WVU to continue the WVU Lightweight Composite Materials for Heavy-Duty Vehicles program. Through this program, WVU is involved with design, production, and testing issues related to using metal and polymer composites as substitutes for heavier materials in large trucks and trailers. The use of such composites reduces the vehicle's weight, allowing for larger payloads to be carried while remaining under the load limit on highways. **A grant application should be sent to: Ms. Mary Bowman, West Virginia University Research Corporation, 886 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 208, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506.**
- **WVU Long-Term Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Development of a Coal Liquefaction Plant in China program:** An amount of \$344,400 for WVU to continue the WVU Long-Term Environmental and Economic Impacts of the Development of a Coal Liquefaction Plant in China program, which is enabling WVU to access significant data on innovative combination and liquefaction technologies being deployed in China that will allow the U.S. to better pursue coals to liquid transportation fuels projects. **A grant application should be sent to: Ms. Mary Bowman, West Virginia University Research Corporation, 886 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 208, Morgantown, West Virginia 26506**
- **Clean Energy Technology Exports Initiative:** An amount of \$594,540 to the DOE Clean Energy Technology Exports Initiative that was established in FY 2001. This initiative seeks to increase opportunities to open and expand international energy markets and export U.S. clean energy technologies which are very important to helping achieve national and international security, economic, trade, environmental, and climate change objectives.

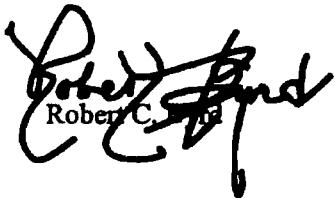
Thank you for your attention to these matters. Should you or your staff have any questions pertaining to the projects I have listed, please contact Ms. Suzanne Bentzel of the Senate Appropriations Committee at (202) 224-0042.

I look forward to your response. Your cooperation in keeping me fully informed regarding issues pertaining to West Virginia and other matters of interest to me is genuinely appreciated.

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
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With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Bond

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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February 12, 2008

Secretary Samuel Bodman
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I understand you recently received correspondence from Members of Congress who disagree with the Administration's policy of making it a priority to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). I disagree with their suggestion to discontinue filling the SPR since it would have virtually no effect on oil and energy prices. It is vital to our economic and national security that we expand the SPR to serve as an emergency supply of crude oil in case of a major supply disruption. The SPR must be available to protect Americans in case of a true emergency, such as when the SPR was tapped after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in 2005. We must be prepared or face a national security risk that is an even higher price to pay resulting in scarcity of supply and higher energy prices when a major disruption occurs.

I am very concerned about the high energy and gas prices that Americans are facing today. However no longer filling the SPR and taking away from our emergency reserve supply is not the answer. We need a short-term solution that has long-term protection against oil supply disruptions. Best utilizing our existing oil and gas infrastructure to increase domestic production would increase supply and lower energy prices. Producing more energy at home would not only reduce our energy prices, but enhance our national security by reducing our reliance on foreign energy sources.

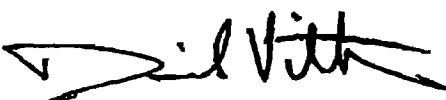
In addition, concern to reduce our dependence on foreign sources should compel the responsible exploration of resources here in our own backyard, especially off a state's own coast. For years, Gulf States have provided the infrastructure for oil and gas production, which supports the energy needs for the vast majority of our nation. We need to take advantage of the clean, safe domestic energy right here in the U.S. and work toward expanding domestic production and providing more access to Outer Continental Shelf resources.

While I appreciate the need for alternative energy sources as an important long term goal, we cannot transform our nation's energy infrastructure and use alternative and renewable fuels overnight. I am disappointed the recently passed energy bill is virtually silent on oil and gas domestic production. With rising energy prices and increasing dependence on volatile foreign energy sources, we must allow for additional production of oil and gas right here in America – where we are safe, provide employment opportunities and are sensitive to environmental concerns. Unfortunately, the energy bill does nothing to provide short-term relief from high energy prices. Rather than opening new areas to production and attempting to provide some assurances of the economic stability of recovering domestic resources, the energy bill increases

our dependence on foreign energy **sources**. Rather than giving states the option to host offshore production, the energy bill does not allow U.S. production to grow with demand. Even the best efficiency and conservation efforts must be complemented with additional domestic production in the short-term.

I look forward to continuing this discussion with you and developing a stronger national energy policy that will provide short-term relief and strengthen our economic, energy and national security.

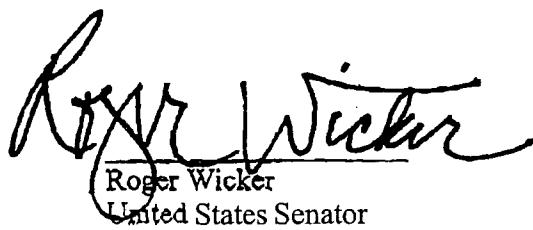
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David Vitter
United States Senator



Thad Cochran
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Roger Wicker
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cc: Senator Jeff Bingaman, Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Feb. 20, 2008 10:51AM Office of Sen. Charles Schumer

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 4, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

When Congress passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), it included language to ensure that future oil acquisitions for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) make fiscal sense for taxpayers. Specifically, Section 301(e)(2)(A) of EPAct directed the Secretary of Energy to acquire petroleum for the SPR in a manner which "minimize[s] the costs to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy in acquiring such petroleum products (including foregone revenues to the Treasury when petroleum products for the SPR are obtained through the royalty-in-kind program)."

Keeping with that goal today, in the face of oil prices of \$100 per barrel, would seem to require the Department of Energy (DOE) to eliminate in-kind transfers of oil and accept cash royalty payments. For existing contracts where prices are expected to be lower than current prices, EPAct appears to require that the Secretary of Energy defer deliveries of the originally scheduled barrels and accept deliveries at a future date for the original amount plus a premium.

In its Final Rule for establishing procedures for the acquisition of petroleum for the SPR,¹ DOE rejected recommendations that DOE should establish procedures to acquire oil for the SPR when prices are low, such as a "trigger price" for acquiring oil to fill the SPR. DOE rejected such comments, stating that "such trigger mechanisms do not always reflect the true state of petroleum markets . . . DOE prefers to retain the flexibility to achieve the statutory objectives through the management of acquisition activities only after a careful review of a number of market indicators."

I question whether the administration's plan to increase its deposits to the reserve by 20,000 barrels per day—set to begin this month despite record oil prices—is at odds with the cost-minimization requirement in the statute. I ask that you release the internal economic analysis supporting the agency's decision to push ahead with filling the SPR at this time. Additionally, I ask you release the economic analysis conducted during the promulgation of the final rule. In particular, please release any analysis regarding the trigger mechanisms that shows why such a mechanism, which would either prohibit DOE

¹ 10 CFR 626, RIN 1901-AB16, *Procedures for the Acquisition of Petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve*, Final Action.

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February 25, 2008

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DOCUMENT DATE: JANUARY 22, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: RON KIND
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO SUSPEND OIL
SHIPMENTS TO THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)
TO ALLOW MORE OIL TO REMAIN ON THE MARKET AND
AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

January 22, 2008

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The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to urge the U.S. Department of Energy to suspend oil shipments to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to allow more oil to remain on the market and available to consumers. This action is necessary to address record prices and stimulate a precarious economy.

While the escalating cost of crude oil has made headlines for the past several years, never before have we seen as dire a situation for consumers as the one we are experiencing now. Even the price spikes following Hurricane Katrina did not come close to the \$100 per barrel oil we saw last month, yet your Administration wisely responded to that crisis by temporarily suspending purchases for the SPR. That action was successful in providing the type of immediate, targeted relief we need now.

The writing is on the wall: our country is clearly in danger of recession. Unemployment is up, retail sales are slowing, housing prices continue to slide, and consumers and lenders alike continue to suffer the fallout from the sub-prime mortgage crisis. Average families are feeling the effects more painfully than ever as they experience the worst inflation in 17 years, largely because of escalating food and fuel prices.

Suspending the 12.3 million barrels of oil scheduled to be delivered to the SPR over the next six months is a simple step your Administration can take immediately to lower gas prices, put money directly into the wallets of Americans, and save taxpayer dollars. Congressional investigations and independent experts have found that purchasing oil for the SPR drives up gas prices, and costs taxpayers billions. This is money that working men and women cannot put into other parts of the economy, harming American families and businesses alike.

While I recognize this action should not be taken as a means of reducing prices in the long run, it can have temporary benefits that could go a long way to helping American families who are being squeezed, and to stimulate the economy. I urge you to take this important step.

Sincerely,



Ron Kind
Member of Congress

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MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 08, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: RON KIND
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PURCHASES OF OIL FOR THE
STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 08, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to direct the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to temporarily suspend purchases of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). This action would allow more oil to remain on the market, driving down gas prices for consumers by as much as \$.25 a gallon. This action would provide a short-term stimulus, without requiring Congressional approval, saving consumers money at the pump while also saving taxpayer dollars.

Our country is clearly in danger of recession. Unemployment is up, retail sales are slowing, housing prices continue to slide, and consumers and lenders alike continue to suffer the fallout from the sub-prime mortgage crisis. Average families are feeling the effects more painfully than ever as they experience the worst inflation in 17 years, largely due to rising food and fuel prices. Although the economic stimulus package recently passed by a bipartisan Congress is an important step towards reviving our lagging economy, high gas prices are and will continue to be a drag on the budgets of families and businesses across the country.

Currently the SPR is 95 percent full with 695 million gallons in reserve, approximately the same level it was in August of 2005 when your Administration successfully used a temporary suspension to relieve supply and price crunches following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The situation is even more dire today for consumers, however, as gas prices have skyrocketed more than 70 cents in the last year alone. Suspending the SPR fill could provide the type of immediate, targeted relief that we need right now.

Because DOE has only recently signed the contract for 12.3 million barrels of oil to be delivered to the SPR over the next six months, suspending these shipments is a simple step your Administration can take immediately to lower gas prices, put money directly into the wallets of Americans, and save taxpayer dollars. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office has found that every \$10 reduction in the price of a barrel of oil has a \$50 billion stimulative effect on the economy. Additionally, selling this oil on the market rather than putting it into the SPR will earn the federal government about \$6 million per day, or \$1 billion over the course of six months.

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Sincerely,



Ron Kind
Member of Congress



Rahm Emanuel
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress

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FROM: TIM JOHNSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO REVERSE COURSE AND INSTRUCT
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO RELEASE THE RECORD OF
DECISION AND PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR FUTUREGEN PROJECT IN
MATTOON, ILLINOIS

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 12, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

During the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's hearing to discuss the FY 2009 Department of Energy (DOE) Budget on February 7, 2008, Secretary Samuel Bodman, under questioning from Representatives John Shimkus and Jan Schakowsky, admitted he made a mistake when he wrote to members of the Illinois Delegation on November 30, 2007, indicating that the FutureGen Project was moving forward as planned.

Secretary Bodman's message that DOE was "diligently working to complete the process and issue the Record of Decision in a timeframe that supports FutureGen site selection by the end of December 2007," while encouraging at the time, did nothing but create false hope for the communities involved in this project. Less than three weeks later, after Mattoon, Illinois was selected as the best site for FutureGen, he decided to pull the plug on this important investment which you first proposed back in 2003.

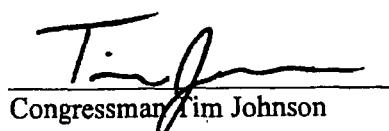
In addition, it was revealed earlier last week that DOE Undersecretary C.H. "Bud" Albright made a disparaging comment about our state. The remark, that DOE wasn't interested in "building Disneyland in some swamp in Illinois," only added insult to injury after citizens in Illinois learned that their government no longer backed this project. While we understand that Mr. Albright apologized, the poor handling of DOE's decision on FutureGen and the insensitive comments about Illinois cannot be forgotten just because he said he was sorry.

Mr. President, the communities and states that competed for this project expended thousands of hours and untold sums of money in good faith that the Administration's commitment to this scientifically worthy project would be fulfilled. Please do not allow their work, and this opportunity, to be wasted.

The demonstrated missteps by DOE's highest representatives further beg for a reconsideration of their misplaced decision to abandon FutureGen. There is an urgent need to develop near-zero emissions coal technologies and FutureGen is ahead of any other project involving carbon capture and sequestration. Under this new proposed approach, there are no guarantees that project costs will not skyrocket and starting from scratch will delay this process even further, which we feel is not in the best interest of the country's energy future.

These two examples reveal, at worst incompetence and at best, insensitivity on the part of DOE. This about-face on FutureGen has caused many folks in Illinois to lose faith in their government. Mr. President, you have the power to restore their sense of belief and in light of these events, we urge you to reverse course, instruct DOE to release the Record of Decision, and pledge support for FutureGen in Mattoon, Illinois.

Sincerely,



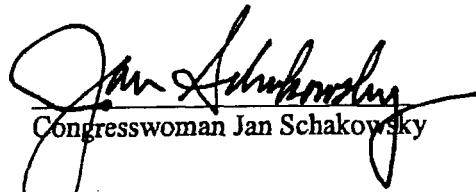
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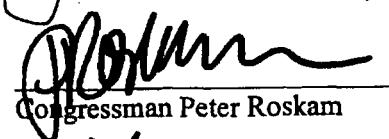
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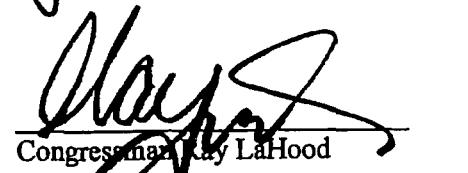
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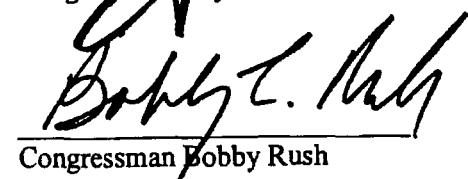
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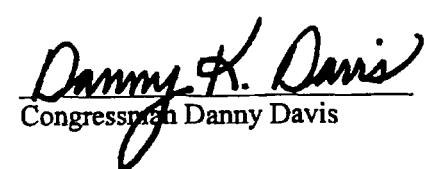
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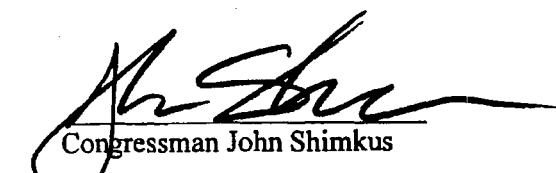
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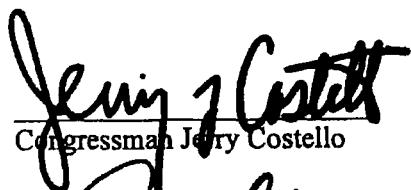
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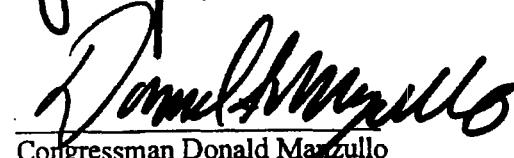
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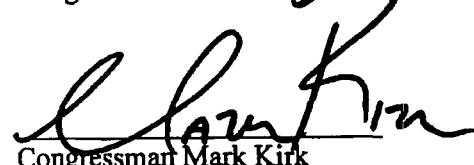
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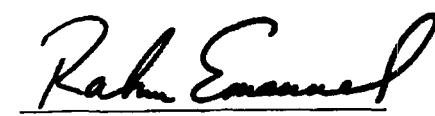
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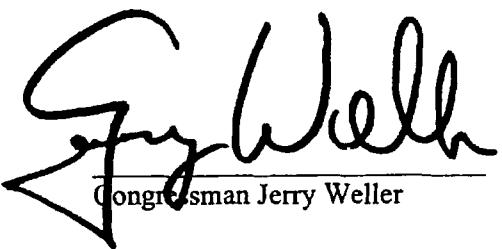
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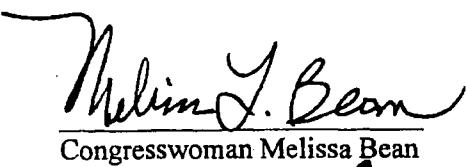
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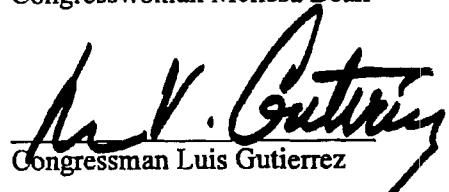
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FROM: JOSEPH COURTNEY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO
TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PURCHASES OF OIL FOR THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 12, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to direct the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to temporarily suspend purchases of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). According to independent industry analysts, including Goldman Sachs, this action would allow more oil to remain on the market, and thus drive down gas prices for consumers by as much as \$.25 a gallon. This action would provide the American economy a critical short-term stimulus, without requiring Congressional approval. It will save consumers money at the pump, give small business desperately needed relief, and help state and local government provide energy related services.

Our country is clearly showing indicators of a recession. Unemployment is up, retail sales are slowing, housing prices continue to slide, and consumers continue to suffer the fallout from the sub-prime mortgage crisis. Average families are feeling the effects more painfully than ever as they experience the worst inflation in 17 years, largely due to rising food and fuel prices. Although the economic stimulus package recently passed by a bipartisan Congress is an important step towards reviving our lagging economy, high gas and heating oil prices threaten to smother the benefits of the stimulus rebates as families struggle to fill up their cars and pay their electricity and fuel bills.

Currently the SPR is 95 percent full with 695 million gallons in reserve, approximately the same level it was in August of 2005 when your Administration successfully used a temporary suspension to relieve supply and price crunches following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The situation is even more dire today for consumers, as gas prices have skyrocketed more than 70 cents in the last year alone. The price of diesel fuel has now hit \$4.00 per gallon in many parts of the country, which will ripple through the price of food and goods that are transported by rail and trucks. Suspending the SPR fill could provide the type of immediate, targeted relief that we need right now.

Because DOE has only recently signed the contract for 12.3 million barrels of oil to be delivered to the SPR over the next six months, suspending these shipments is a simple step your Administration can take immediately to lower gas prices, put money directly into the wallets of Americans, and save taxpayer dollars. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office has found that every \$10 reduction in the price of a barrel of oil has a \$50 billion stimulative effect on the economy. Additionally, selling this oil on the market rather than putting it into the SPR will earn the federal government about \$6 million per day, or \$1 billion over the course of six months.

Although we recognize this action should not be taken as a means of reducing prices in the long run, at a time when the SPR is already 95 percent full, acting now can have temporary benefits that would go a long way towards helping American families who are being squeezed, and also stimulate the economy. We urge you to take this important step.

Sincerely,

Peter Welch
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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U.S. Secretary of Energy

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 31, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Right now — today — our nation is reeling from the impact of an energy crisis on a U.S. economy already in or on the verge of recession. Retail sales are down. Unemployment is up. Home sales are down. Mortgage foreclosures are at an historic high, and the Federal Reserve intervened last week to keep Wall Street giant Bear Stearns from potential catastrophe.

Add to this the highest fuel prices in history, now more than \$110 a barrel for crude oil and an average price at the pump of more than \$3.30 a gallon for regular gas, and the impact on a petroleum-fueled economy is devastating.

I met last weekend with officials of Aloha Airlines in Honolulu, trying to find a way for one of Hawaii's leading corporate citizens, with 3,400 employees, to buy time to restructure debt and stay in business. Tragically, Aloha decided late Sunday to halt 61 years of air passenger service for the people of Hawaii. After attempting to fight off unregulated predatory pricing for two years, a \$71 million increase in the cost of jet fuel pushed them over the edge. One thousand nine hundred people lost their jobs today.

Aloha is not alone in being battered by this energy crisis. Other airlines are being forced to raise ticket prices or add as much as a \$50 surcharge for fuel. According to the Air Transport Association (ATA), every penny increase in the price of a gallon of jet fuel means \$190 million in annual fuel costs for U.S. Airlines — 20 to 30% of their total operating expense. As you may be aware, ATA has today called on Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman to authorize releases from the nation's home heating oil reserves to help increase the supply of jet fuel.

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The emergency, however, extends far beyond the airline industry. The effects of soaring fuel costs are rippling out through the economy. Oil and refined products fuel almost 97% of our nation's transportation: automobiles, trucks, trains, and ships, as well as aircraft. This is how our nation moves people and goods.

Fuel cost represents as much as 25% of total operating expenses for the nation's motor carriers, second only to drivers' wages. Transport companies and independent truckers across the country are facing the prospect of parking their trucks because they simply cannot afford to buy diesel fuel. One operator reported costs of nearly \$900 to fill up his rig. The impact of rising fuel costs on transport obviously means increasing costs for consumer goods. We are already seeing this in food prices and retail prices.

Organizations like the United States Postal Service and private sector delivery companies have no choice but to keep buying fuel for their delivery vehicles, no matter the cost. And that cost will be passed along to businesses, and ultimately, to consumers. Even as an independent government agency, the Postal Service cannot sustain such devastating cost increases for long without increasing rates.

Oil and natural gas are raw materials in more than 95% of manufacturing: plastics, medicines, machinery and all kinds of consumer goods. Energy is the third largest manufacturing cost for the forest and paper industry.

Mr. President, the instability of oil prices will continue to ripple through our economy. We are, quite clearly, in the midst of an energy emergency.

I am therefore requesting that you authorize a temporary release of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the airline and cargo shipping industries. The average cost of crude in the reserve is approximately \$27 per barrel. If a quantity of this oil can be released to the market and refined at lower cost than the current market-priced crude, it could generate a temporary supply of lower priced gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel for those industries that are totally dependent on fuel, and on which the U.S. economy is totally dependent.

Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, draw-downs from the Reserve are authorized if the President determines that there is a "severe energy supply interruption;" if that interruption has caused a severe increase in the price of petroleum products; and if such prices are likely to cause a major adverse impact on the national economy."

This step offers the prospect of temporary relief, and should not be seen by anyone as a long-term solution to the national energy emergency. But it may serve as an alarm to the American public that substantial and serious measures must be taken immediately to prevent further, even permanent, damage to the U.S. economy. It

should also be the first substantive action by the Government of the United States to address the energy and economic crisis.

Mr. President, I believe those conditions which allow for a release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve now exist, and I urgently request prompt action.

Sincerely,

Neil Abercrombie,
Member of Congress

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FROM: TIM JOHNSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES THEIR SUPPORT FOR FUTURBGEN AND MATTOON,
ILLINOIS AS THE SITE FOR THIS INITIATIVE

COMMENTS:

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**Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515**

March 5, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our support for FutureGen, as it represents a vital investment in our country's energy future. With its vast coal resources, Illinois is an ideal location for FutureGen and we believe this initiative should move forward as originally envisioned.

When you announced that the United States would sponsor a 10-year demonstration project to create the world's first coal-based, zero-emissions power plant to produce electricity and hydrogen in February of 2003, this represented a bold step toward a more pollution-free energy future. As you are well aware, FutureGen has the potential to demonstrate high efficiency capture and storage of greenhouse gases, thus paving the way for the United States to use its 250-year supply of coal for energy in an environmentally sensitive way.

FutureGen's technologies will benefit the entire world. Australia, India, China and South Korea have joined us in this effort through the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) FutureGen International Partnership. The technologies developed through FutureGen could be used by other developing nations throughout the world to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

Over a time period of nearly five years, this project has moved closer to reality. An open competition was held, contracts were signed and an Environmental Impact Statement was issued. On December 18, 2007, the FutureGen Alliance chose Mattoon, Illinois as the site for this groundbreaking project. However, on January 30, 2008, DOE Secretary Samuel Bodman announced that the entire project would be restructured. We have concerns that this new approach will not achieve the large scale carbon sequestration results which the Mattoon, Illinois site promises.

Mr. President, the communities and states that competed for this project expended thousands of hours and untold sums of money in good faith that the Administration's commitment to this scientifically worthy project would be fulfilled. Please do not allow their work, and this opportunity, to be wasted.

There is an urgent need to develop near-zero emissions coal technologies and FutureGen is ahead of any other project involving carbon capture and sequestration. Under this new proposed approach, there are no guarantees that project costs will not skyrocket and

starting from scratch will delay this process even further, which we feel is not in the best interest of the country's energy future.

We support Mattoon, Illinois as the site of FutureGen and urge you to maintain the original scope of this crucial initiative.

Sincerely,

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Jim Matheson

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: BYRON DORGAN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMMEDIATELY STOP FILLING THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR) FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR UNLESS THE PRICE OF OIL DROPS BELOW \$75 PER BARREL

COMMENTS:

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 11, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With the price of oil at record levels, the American people need relief. Yesterday, oil closed above \$108 per barrel, and oil has been trading near or above \$100 per barrel since February 19, 2008. Gas prices have also skyrocketed. The U.S. average retail price of regular gasoline has reached a new record high of \$3.22 per gallon. One year ago, oil was trading at \$60.05 per barrel, and the average retail price of gasoline was \$2.53 per gallon.

The Administration's policy of taking oil off the market and putting it underground in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) is a contributing factor to current high energy prices.

It makes no sense to store oil underground when oil is trading at record prices. By taking a one year pause from filling the SPR, the Administration would put downward pressure on oil prices and bring some relief to consumers.

The SPR is already 97 percent full, and we believe it serves as an important economic and national security buffer. But, according to the Department of Energy, we already exceed our International Energy Program commitments to maintain at least 90 days of oil stocks in reserve.

With oil and gas prices at record highs, we should not be taking more oil off the market and sticking it underground.

We urge you to immediately stop filling the SPR for the remainder of the year unless the price of oil drops below \$75 per barrel. Our federal government should not be pursuing policies that put upward pressure on energy prices when the price of oil is skyrocketing.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Feith

Jefferson J. Johnson

Jean Dohm

Patsy Teal

Mark Lantz

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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

June 20, 2008

The Honorable Daniel Akaka
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Akaka:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush requesting that the Department of Energy (DOE) suspend the fill of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

President Bush and I appreciate and share your concern about the current high price of oil, and the effect high prices have on consumers and the economy. This concern was a key consideration in my recent decision not to award additional contracts this year for the fill of the SPR through the royalty-in-kind (RIK) exchange program.

The President recently signed into law Public Law 110-232, which calls for suspending SPR fill activities through the end of the year and deferring to the maximum extent practicable any already scheduled shipments of oil for the SPR. Suspension of SPR fill activities through the RIKE program will stop the relatively modest planned fill rate of 76,000 barrels a day (compared to world consumption of 85 million barrels of oil a day) through December 2008.

While we believe it appropriate to suspend SPR fill activities right now, temporarily suspending deliveries of RIKE oil to the SPR will not have a substantial or lasting effect on world oil prices, as I believe that supply and demand fundamentals provide the primary explanation for recent oil price trends. The main fundamental factors are strong world economic growth leading to increased demand, moderate growth in supply outside of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), OPEC members' production decisions, low OPEC spare production capacity, low world inventories, worldwide refining bottlenecks, and ongoing geopolitical risks.

The SPR currently contains approximately 704 million barrels of crude oil, providing roughly 58 days of import protection, which will increase to about 60 days when the SPR is filled to its 727 million barrel capacity. Approximately 62,000 barrels per day are being placed in the SPR from existing contracts; DOE has negotiated deferral of approximately 2.1 million barrels of the remaining scheduled deliveries of oil to the SPR in accordance with provisions of P.L. 110-



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232. Notably, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 directed that the SPR be filled to its authorized size of one billion barrels. We remain steadfast in our belief that filling the SPR is fundamental to increasing the Nation's energy security, as our growing economy necessitates increasing the protection provided by the SPR.

We will continue to work with Members of Congress on these issues. If you require additional information, please contact me or Ms. Lisa E. Epifani, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel W. Bodman".

Samuel W. Bodman

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 08, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 750201

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: MARCH 31, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: NEIL ABERCROMBIE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY
RELEASE OF CRUDE OIL FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM
RESERVE FOR THE AIRLINE AND CARGO SHIPPING INDUSTRIES

COMMENTS:

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9
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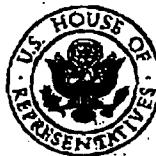
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1ST DISTRICT, HAWAII



COMMITTEE ON
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

March 31, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Right now — today — our nation is reeling from the impact of an energy crisis on a U.S. economy already in or on the verge of recession. Retail sales are down. Unemployment is up. Home sales are down. Mortgage foreclosures are at an historic high, and the Federal Reserve intervened last week to keep Wall Street giant Bear Stearns from potential catastrophe.

Add to this the highest fuel prices in history; now more than \$110 a barrel for crude oil and an average price at the pump of more than \$3.30 a gallon for regular gas, and the impact on a petroleum-fueled economy is devastating.

I met last weekend with officials of Aloha Airlines in Honolulu, trying to find a way for one of Hawaii's leading corporate citizens, with 3,400 employees, to buy time to restructure debt and stay in business. Tragically, Aloha decided late Sunday to halt 61 years of air passenger service for the people of Hawaii. After attempting to fight off unregulated predatory pricing for two years, a \$71 million increase in the cost of jet fuel pushed them over the edge. One thousand nine hundred people lost their jobs today.

Aloha is not alone in being battered by this energy crisis. Other airlines are being forced to raise ticket prices or add as much as a \$50 surcharge for fuel. According to the Air Transport Association (ATA), every penny increase in the price of a gallon of jet fuel means \$190 million in annual fuel costs for U.S. Airlines — 20 to 30% of their total operating expense. As you may be aware, ATA has today called on Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman to authorize releases from the nation's home heating oil reserves to help increase the supply of jet fuel.

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The emergency, however, extends far beyond the airline industry. The effects of soaring fuel costs are rippling out through the economy. Oil and refined products fuel almost 97% of our nation's transportation: automobiles, trucks, trains, and ships, as well as aircraft. This is how our nation moves people and goods.

Fuel cost represents as much as 25% of total operating expenses for the nation's motor carriers, second only to drivers' wages. Transport companies and independent truckers across the country are facing the prospect of parking their trucks because they simply cannot afford to buy diesel fuel. One operator reported costs of nearly \$900 to fill up his rig. The impact of rising fuel costs on transport obviously means increasing costs for consumer goods. We are already seeing this in food prices and retail prices.

Organizations like the United States Postal Service and private sector delivery companies have no choice but to keep buying fuel for their delivery vehicles, no matter the cost. And that cost will be passed along to businesses, and ultimately, to consumers. Even as an independent government agency, the Postal Service cannot sustain such devastating cost increases for long without increasing rates.

Oil and natural gas are raw materials in more than 95% of manufacturing: plastics, medicines, machinery and all kinds of consumer goods. Energy is the third largest manufacturing cost for the forest and paper industry.

Mr. President, the instability of oil prices will continue to ripple through our economy. We are, quite clearly, in the midst of an energy emergency.

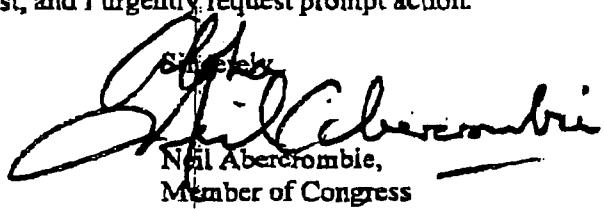
I am therefore requesting that you authorize a temporary release of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the airline and cargo shipping industries. The average cost of crude in the reserve is approximately \$27 per barrel. If a quantity of this oil can be released to the market and refined at lower cost than the current market-priced crude, it could generate a temporary supply of lower priced gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel for those industries that are totally dependent on fuel, and on which the U.S. economy is totally dependent.

Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, draw-downs from the Reserve are authorized if the President determines that there is a "severe energy supply interruption;" if that interruption has caused a severe increase in the price of petroleum products; and if such prices are likely to cause a major adverse impact on the national economy."

This step offers the prospect of temporary relief, and should not be seen by anyone as a long-term solution to the national energy emergency. But it may serve as an alarm to the American public that substantial and serious measures must be taken immediately to prevent further, even permanent, damage to the U.S. economy. It

should also be the first substantive action by the Government of the United States to address the energy and economic crisis.

Mr. President, I believe those conditions which allow for a release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve now exist, and I urgently request prompt action.

Sincerely,

Neil Abercrombie,
Member of Congress

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 08, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 750205

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 03, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT DIRECT THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO DRAWDOWN THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE BY TWO AND A HALF MILLION BARRELS
OF OIL PER MONTH FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WHILE
SUSPENDING FUTURE PURCHASES FOR THE SAME TIME
PERIOD

COMMENTS:

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HOUSE, 20500

KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND
20TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK
HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3220

April 3, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

With gas prices at a record high, and the nation's economy facing an economic downturn, immediate action must be taken to bring relief to the American people. As I travel throughout my Congressional District, the issue of rising fuel prices is a top concern for families, seniors, small businesses, and farmers alike. It is with that in mind that I write to respectfully request that you direct the United States Department of Energy to drawdown the Strategic Petroleum Reserve by two and a half million barrels of oil per month over the next six months, while suspending future purchases for the same time period in an effort to bring immediate relief to Americans struggling with high fuel costs and financial insecurity. These two actions would keep more oil in the market and bring down fuel costs to save consumers money at the pump and provide desperately needed relief to our small businesses and farmers.

Millions of Americans will soon receive an economic stimulus rebate, an effort passed by this body, which you supported, but with national average gas price now at nearly \$3.29 a gallon, the highest recorded average according to AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report, this stimulus will have a limited effect on relieving the economic strains facing the American people.

Independent industry analysis, including from Goldman Sachs, has estimated that the simple act of temporarily suspending future purchases could reduce prices at the pump by as much as twenty-five cents a gallon. The drawdown of an additional fifteen million barrels of oil from the SPR into the market would have a larger impact and bring immediate relief during the summer months, where estimates have national average gas prices at a stifling \$4.00 a gallon.

Understanding that this effort would provide only short-term relief and is not a long-term solution to our energy security, the benefits of a minimal drawdown and suspension over the next six months would have an enormous impact on our economy. The Congressional Budget Office has found that for every \$10 reduction in the price of a barrel of oil there is a \$50 billion stimulative effect on the economy at a time when we desperately need it.

I thank you for your attention to this important request and urge you to take immediate action to bring relief to the American people. Inaction could have disastrous, long-term effects on our nation's economy, and the American people's confidence in their government.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Gillibrand
Member of Congress

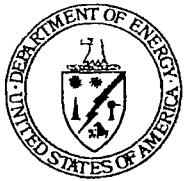
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The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

June 20, 2008

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Gillibrand:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush requesting that the Department of Energy (DOE) address current high oil prices by suspending the fill of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and releasing oil from the Reserve.

President Bush and I appreciate and share your concern about the current high price of oil, and the effect high prices have on consumers and the economy. This concern was a key consideration in my recent decision not to award additional contracts this year for the fill of the SPR through the royalty-in-kind (RIK) exchange program.

The President recently signed into law Public Law 110-232, which calls for suspending SPR fill activities through the end of the year and deferring to the maximum extent practicable any already scheduled shipments of oil for the SPR. Suspension of SPR fill activities through the RIK program will stop the relatively modest planned fill rate of 76,000 barrels a day (compared to world consumption of 85 million barrels of oil a day) through December 2008.

While we believe it appropriate to suspend SPR fill activities right now, temporarily suspending deliveries of RIK oil to the SPR will not have a substantial or lasting effect on world oil prices, as I believe that supply and demand fundamentals provide the primary explanation for recent oil price trends. The main fundamental factors are strong world economic growth leading to increased demand, moderate growth in supply outside of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), OPEC members' production decisions, low OPEC spare production capacity, low world inventories, worldwide refining bottlenecks, and ongoing geopolitical risks.

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With respect to your request that oil be released from the SPR, we believe the current situation does not meet the criteria for a drawdown and sale of oil from the SPR. Oil from the SPR may only be withdrawn and sold in the event of a Presidentially-declared severe energy supply interruption. The Administration has been very clear that it will not use the SPR for the purpose of manipulating oil prices. Because a severe energy supply interruption does not exist at this time, the requirements for a drawdown and sale of oil from the SPR have not been met. We will continue to monitor the situation and will assess any future developments.

We will continue to work with Members of Congress on these issues. If you require additional information, please contact me or Ms. Lisa E. Epifani, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,



Samuel W. Bodman

Exec- 2008

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington D.C., 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

We are writing this letter to express our support for Sierra Pacific Resource's proposal to make the Ely Energy Center a site for the revised FutureGen Energy Program and ask you to consider awarding Nevada this opportunity. An energy project that combines a number of energy sources with new technology to create a clean, renewable energy center will establish a precedent that will not only be felt across the country, but will reverberate around the world for years to come.

Nevada has quickly established itself as a leader in the use of green, renewable energy. It is our goal, as state leaders, to increase Nevada's energy independence and further reduce the state's reliance on energy from outside sources by adding to and broadening our energy portfolio, incorporating a number of energy sources. It is in this vein that we support the development of new, clean coal power plants in Nevada, allowing us to use an abundant and inexpensive resource in a responsible, environmentally-friendly manner.

More than 50 percent of America's power comes from coal and it is imperative that we continue to develop the research and technology necessary to make this a zero emission fuel source. With the national demand for electricity expected to double nationwide in the next 20 years, it is crucial that we use a variety of resources to meet our energy needs. This project will allow us to demonstrate how to cleanly use coal, one of this nation's most plentiful and affordable resources. The coal industry has already made tremendous strides towards making this a reality and a clean coal/carbon capture project in Nevada is our chance to set a worldwide example and further our goal of energy independence

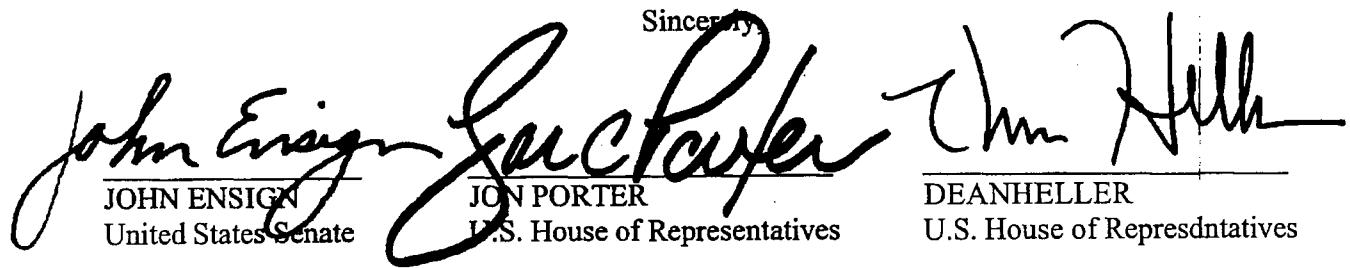
This project will further the development of carbon capture technology and help usher in a new day of independence, economic stability and environmental responsibility. Furthermore, it will be entirely powered by an adjoining solar power generating plant, providing a shining example of self-reliance and economic efficiency. This project will also ensure the creation of a transmission line between Ely and Las Vegas, effectively joining the entire state and taking a crucial step towards allowing Nevada the opportunity to create and develop many more renewable projects that can transmit along this line.

It is absolutely imperative that we continue to develop technology that will afford us economic stability and energy independence while being environmentally responsible. The proposed Ely Energy Center, combining a number of energy resources, will provide a tremendous global model of how a variety of energy sources can be used cleanly and efficiently.

We applaud efforts to expand Nevada's energy portfolio and leadership in renewable and clean energy development. Your support and assistance with this proposal would truly demonstrate a commitment to building clean, environmentally responsible energy generation facilities that better serve Nevadans.

It is our strong belief and hope that all Nevadans will embrace this project and see it as an opportunity for Nevada to develop and implement technology that will vastly improve the global climate and set a precedent for clean energy and coal-fired power generation around the world. A FutureGen energy project that combines a variety of energy sources will transform the two proposed coal-fired power plants in Ely into a true energy center that will significantly decrease Nevada's dependence on energy from outside of the state and create increased economic stability. The United States and Nevada will stand tall and serve as a global model for future plant development and energy generation.

Sincerely,



The image shows three handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right: 1) John Ensign's signature, which includes his name above a horizontal line and 'United States Senate' below it. 2) Jon Porter's signature, which includes his name above a horizontal line and 'U.S. House of Representatives' below it. 3) Dean Heller's signature, which includes his name above a horizontal line and 'U.S. House of Representatives' below it.

JOHN ENSIGN
United States Senate

JON PORTER
U.S. House of Representatives

DEANHELLER
U.S. House of Representatives

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**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 24, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 751320

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 09, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ED MARKEY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND FILLING
THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR) AND ANNOUNCE
HIS INTENTION TO RELEASE OIL FROM THE RESERVE

COMMENTS:

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9
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HOUSE, 20500

Congress of the United States

751320

Washington, DC 20515

April 9, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Today, oil and gas price each hit new record levels. The price of oil traded above \$112 dollars on the New York Mercantile Exchange and the price of gas has now risen to a nationwide average above \$3.34 per gallon. With the summer driving season approaching, American consumers are in desperate need of relief.

Yesterday, the Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA) released its *Short-Term* Energy and Summer Fuels Outlook, which paints a bleak picture for consumers this summer. The EIA report projects that gas prices could rise above \$4 this summer, with prices expected to average \$3.54 over the summer months, and a peak, monthly-average of more than \$3.60 in June.

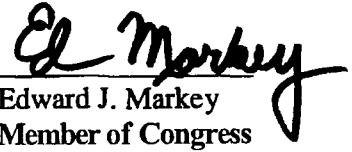
The poorest 20 percent of Americans make less than \$20,000 a year. According to the Department of Transportation, the average American drives nearly 12,000 miles a year and uses 594 gallons of gas. At current gas prices, that means that the poorest 20 percent of households are, on average, spending nearly 10 percent of their gross yearly income to purchase gasoline. We must take immediate action to help consumers who are facing these record prices.

Right now, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) currently holds approximately 700.9 million barrels of oil and is filled to 96 percent of its capacity. On Friday, the Department of Energy announced that it was going to continue filling the SPR and would solicit bids for 13 million barrels of additional oil. Purchasing oil at these current record prices to continue filling the SPR makes no sense. Furthermore, we should be acting to provide relief to consumers from high energy prices, not exacerbating runaway oil speculation by continuing to take oil off the market.

We therefore urge you to both immediately suspend filling the SPR and announce your intention to release oil from the reserve. These two actions, in combination, would provide a powerful signal to speculators and world oil markets that will help alleviate the current upward pressure on prices and help American families.

Hon. George W. Bush
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Thank you for consideration of this request.


Edward J. Markey
Member of Congress

Sincerely,

Rahm Emanuel
Member of Congress


Peter Welch
Member of Congress

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 29, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 751820

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 07, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JASON ALTMIRE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY TO SUSPEND SHIPMENT OF OIL TO THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 7, 2008

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request that you direct the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to suspend shipments of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). This action would allow more oil to remain on the market, thereby reducing the cost of oil and oil-based products, such as gasoline and diesel fuel. According to industry analysts, suspending shipments of oil to the SPR could reduce gas prices by as much as 25 cents per gallon. This price relief is urgently needed by consumers, small businesses, and local governments.

In recent weeks, the cost of oil and gas have reached record highs with the price of a barrel of oil going above \$110 and the average price of a gallon of gas reaching \$3.33. Additionally, in many areas of the country, the price of diesel fuel has now hit \$4.00 per gallon. These record prices are negatively impacting nearly every aspect of our economy.

I recognize the strategic importance of the SPR and do not believe that suspending shipments to it should be used as a means of addressing long-term oil and gas prices. However, with the cost of oil and gas reaching record highs and our economy showing troubling signs, I believe that a suspension of these shipments could provide the immediate relief necessary to help consumers and the economy. Furthermore, not addressing the skyrocketing cost of oil and gas could impede the effect of the recently passed economic stimulus package.

Since the SPR's inception in 1978, the suspension of oil shipments has been used many times to successfully address rising oil prices and limited oil supply. Most recently, shipments to the SPR were suspended in August 2005 in response to Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. Currently, the SPR contains 695 million barrels of oil and is at 95 percent capacity. This is approximately the same level of capacity as when shipments were suspended in August 2005.

Again, I urge you to provide relief from the high cost of oil and gas to consumers, small businesses, and local governments by temporarily suspending shipments of oil to the SPR. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jason Altmire

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

April 28, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 751485

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 10, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PURCHASING OIL FOR THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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CHRISTOPHER S. MURPHY
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0705

751485

April 10, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

Speculation in the housing market on the part of homeowners, mortgage lenders and brokers, investment banks, and other counterparties led to a foreclosure crisis that continues to weaken the housing market and created an economic downturn. My constituents are strained as they lose value in their homes and face higher costs for goods and services. Rising fuel prices compound this issue and are of great concern to families, small businesses, and seniors around the country who are struggling to balance their checkbooks.

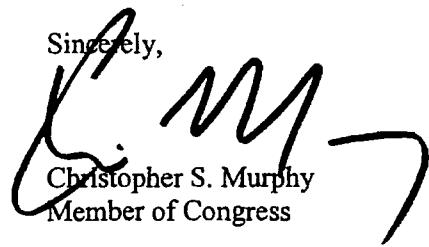
Respectfully, I ask that you direct the United States Department of Energy to temporarily suspend purchasing oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). While the SPR is an important safeguard against the national security threat that foreign nations could stop selling petroleum to the U.S., rising fuel prices and the current downturn require prompt executive action. According to Congressional Research Service, suspending increases in the SPR would increase the amount of oil on the market, driving down gas prices for consumers by as much as \$.25 a gallon. Such an infusion would stimulate the economy and provide needed relief to consumers.

Additionally, in 2005, when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast, the SPR was 95 percent full with 695 million gallons in reserve. Skyrocketing costs, led your administration to prudently temporarily suspend increasing the SPR to relieve costs and increase supply. Current economic crises and rising energy costs necessitate that you again act to provide relief and economic stability.

I am aware that the DOE recently signed a contract for 12.3 million barrels of oil which will be added to the SPR over the next six months. Suspending these shipments, will earn the federal government additional revenue and stimulate the economy. The Congressional Budget Office found that for every \$10 reduction in the price of a barrel of oil, there is a \$50 billion simulative effect on the economy.

I thank you for considering this important request and acting expeditiously to address rising gas prices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Murphy".

Christopher S. Murphy
Member of Congress

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 29, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 751808

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 15, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ANDRE CARSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT TO DRAW FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE TO HELP AMERICANS WHO ARE BEING ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY INFLATIONARY ENERGY COSTS AND THAT HE WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE CONGRESS IN SUPPORTING INITIATIVES THAT MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENTS IN THE DIVERSIFICATION OF OUR DOMESTIC ENERGY RESERVES AND RESOURCES

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1407
April 15, 2008

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The Honorable George W. Bush
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

According to a recent report released by the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration, the national average price of gas will peak this June at approximately \$3.60 per gallon. If this prediction holds true it will mean a 30 cent increase over the current record-high of \$3.33, which was reached just a few weeks ago.

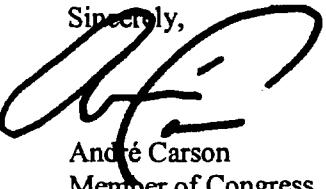
With gas prices soaring at such an alarming rate, it is incumbent that you work with the Congress in supporting comprehensive energy reforms that aid commuters immobilized by high prices at the pumps. Action needs to be taken to ensure that Americans struggling with rising energy costs are given both immediate and long-term assistance.

To better assist American drivers and the U.S. transportation industry cope with our current energy crisis, I, at the behest of the House Democratic Leadership are calling on you to draw from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help Americans who are being adversely affected by inflationary energy costs. I further ask that you work cooperatively with the Congress in supporting initiatives that make substantial investments in the diversification of our domestic energy reserves and resources.

As one of the most innovative and technologically advanced nations in the world, it is simply unacceptable for our nation's energy policies to be so myopically linked and dependent on foreign oil. The time has come for us to move our nation's energy policies in a New Direction that lowers high gas prices and safeguards our environment from pollution and global warming.

I thank you for your time and look forward to hopefully working with you on initiatives that fully bring our nation's energy policies into the 21st century.

Sincerely,


André Carson
Member of Congress

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 29, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 751821

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 16, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOHN BARROW
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PURCHASES OF OIL
REPLACEMENT TO THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

COMMENTS:

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JOHN BARROW
12TH DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

April 16, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Americans are stretched thin by rising gas prices already at record highs, and, with the summer driving season approaching, Congress and the Administration should act right away to help American families feeling the squeeze at the pump. The time to act is now. When families pay more for gas, they spend less at the movies, shopping malls, and everywhere else. When diesel costs near \$4 a gallon in the United States, it does more than force truckers to slow down; it also makes them angry.

I respectfully suggest that you direct the Department of Energy temporarily suspend purchases of oil replacement to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Temporarily suspending Strategic Petroleum Reserve purchases will not only send a signal to oil speculators, it could provide the type of immediate, targeted relief that we need right now. While I recognize that this suggestion is a short-term approach, you and I have supported legislation which would require better mileage standards and more access to biofuels, and both would slow demand for gasoline in the long term.

It is my understanding that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is 95 percent full with 695 million barrels in reserve, approximately the same level it was in August of 2005, when your Administration successfully used a temporary suspension to relieve supply and price crunches following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Recently, the Department of Energy announced that it was going to continue filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and would solicit bids for 13 million barrels of additional oil, thereby providing no relief for consumers.

The current situation is dire for families, small businesses, and farmers in the 12th District of Georgia and across the country. Gasoline prices have skyrocketed more than 70 cents in the last year alone, and, as we approach the summer driving season, consumers will certainly see even higher prices in the coming months. The Department of Energy projects that, even if there is no change in the price of oil, gasoline prices typically

increase 10-20 cents in the summer months because of increased demand. America should never be held hostage to punishing gasoline and diesel prices, and our families and the nation's economy would be damaged in the long term if relief does not arrive soon.

Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Barrow".

John Barrow

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 28, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 752231

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 22, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: SILVESTRE REYES
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT ATTACKS
TARGETING OIL TRANSPORTS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES
AROUND THE WORLD AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE
PRESIDENT TO RELEASE OIL FROM THE NATION'S STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 22, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am greatly concerned about recent attacks targeting oil transports and production facilities around the world. This week, several attacks overseas have triggered alarming new highs in the price of oil. As you know, a Japanese oil tanker was damaged on April 22, 2008 following a rocket attack near the coast of Yemen, and in Nigeria, militants have continued their attacks on the country's crude production facilities. Oil producers in the region have announced production losses of nearly 170,000 barrels of oil a day as a result.

Due to these events and other factors, the price of crude oil rose above \$119 a barrel, elevating the average price per gallon of unleaded gasoline to over \$3.50, and \$4.20 for diesel fuel. With the summer driving season just around the corner, your administration now predicts that the price of unleaded gasoline will exceed "the \$4 per gallon threshold." Further increases in the price of fuel are a disturbing prospect, and American consumers desperately need relief. For this reason, I strongly encourage you to release oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

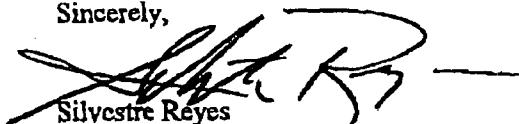
It is clear that attacks such as these have a drastic impact in the current economic environment, where even the slightest disruptions in production have a significant effect on fuel prices. Immediate action is necessary to help stabilize current energy prices and alleviate these short term production losses.

As you know, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act Amendments of 1990 provides the Executive Branch the authority to use the SPR if a particular circumstance "constitutes, or is likely to become a domestic or international energy supply shortage of significant scope or duration" and where "action taken...would assist directly and significantly in preventing or reducing the adverse impact of such shortage." Congress eased restrictions governing the use of the SPR to give the Executive Branch greater flexibility to draw reserves without having to declare the existence of a "severe energy supply interruption."

From: House
To: Mr.
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I encourage you to act swiftly to provide relief for American consumers as the situation continues to deteriorate and our economy suffers.

Sincerely,



—
Silvestre Reyes
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

April 29, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 752229

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 24, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOE DONNELLY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY TO IMMEDIATELY RELEASE 20 MILLION BARRELS OF
OIL FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR) TO THE
MARKET AND TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE PURCHASE OF
OIL FOR THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

COMMENTS:

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JOE DONNELLY
2nd District, Indiana

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

April 24, 2008

Dear Mr. President,

The price of oil set yet another record this week at \$119.90 per barrel. At the same time, the nationwide price of gas has risen to a new record of \$3.533 per gallon. Rising fuel costs are an issue of universal concern to Americans across the country.

With talk of a recession, record rates of foreclosure, and a March jobs report that we lost 80,000 jobs that month, the unrelenting rise in gasoline prices is one more burden on working families struggling to make ends meet. With the summer driving season expected to push prices at the pump over \$4.00 per gallon according to Department of Energy data, we must take steps to relieve this strain on the American people.

Independent industry estimates suggest that prices at the pump could be reduced by twenty-five cents per gallon solely through the act of temporarily suspending the additional purchase of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). Purchasing oil at these record prices for the purpose of storing it makes no sense, and only exacerbates high prices by taking critical oil supply off the market.

As you know, the SPR was established in the aftermath of the 1970s oil shortages to be our nation's backstop in future energy crises. Currently, the SPR is at 96 percent capacity, back to pre-Hurricane Katrina levels. With inflation-adjusted prices today higher than the 1970s records, the time has come to release oil from the SPR. I respectfully urge you to direct the Department of Energy to immediately release 20 million barrels of oil from the SPR to the market and to temporarily suspend the purchase of oil for the SPR. The Congressional Budget Office has determined that for every \$10 decrease in the price of a barrel of oil there is a \$50 billion stimulative effect on the U.S. economy. With the economy struggling, this stimulative effect should not be ignored.

I thank you for your attention on this critical matter, and hope that, as with the economic stimulus package earlier this year, we can work together to bring relief to the American people.

Sincerely,


Joe Donnelly
Member of Congress

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**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

May 08, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 753020

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 29, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: KAY HUTCHISON
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IMMEDIATELY HALT
DEPOSITS OF DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL INTO THE U.S. STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 29, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write today to request that the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) immediately halt deposits of domestic crude oil into the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). As we enter the busiest driving season of the year, the price of a barrel of West Texas Intermediate crude oil hovers around a record \$1.20.

The SPR was established in 1975 to provide a supply of crude oil during times of severe supply disruptions. Today, the SPR contains more than 701 million barrels of oil, exceeding our International Energy Program commitments to maintain at least 90 days of oil stocks in reserve.

High energy prices are having a ripple effect throughout the U.S. economy and exacerbating recessionary pressures. The Energy Information Agency reports that supplies and inventories of crude oil and refined products are above 2007 inventories while our demand for gasoline is down. Yet, the price of crude oil has skyrocketed 100% from last year's levels which were just above \$63 a barrel in April, 2007. Despite these economic realities, the DoE recently solicited contracts to exchange up to 13 million barrels of royalty oil from Federal leases in the Gulf of Mexico for deposits in the SPR.

Some analysts blame geopolitical instability and disruption in production for the rapid price increases; however, these factors alone do not explain the extraordinary increase in oil prices compared to previous years, when these same challenges were present. Temporarily halting deposits to the reserve can provide some relief because the increased supply of oil available for refinement will send the right signal to all markets that the U.S. Government will take measures necessary to address exorbitant crude oil prices that negatively affect the global economy. We believe, in light of the dramatic increase in oil prices, a temporary halt to deposits into the SPR should be considered until the economy stabilizes.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Ty Kelly Johnson

John Barrasso

Giff Bond

John Sununu

Doug Ducey

Mike Johanns

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U.S. House of Representatives

May 13, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave.,
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Americans currently face record-breaking energy prices. Today, with the price of oil above \$126 per barrel and regular gas prices around the country averaging \$3.72 per gallon, it is time to consider what measures can be taken to provide immediate relief to American consumers. Temporarily halting the fill of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) would help relieve some of the upward pressure on prices that is being created by the Administration taking oil off the market.

The Administration is currently filling the SPR at a rate of 70,000 barrels per day and according to an announcement made on April 4, 2008, the Department of Energy is currently soliciting bids to purchase an additional 13 million barrels of oil this year for the SPR, increasing the fill rate to 76,000 barrels per day. According to the schedule outlined in that release, the bids for the purchase of that oil are due today and your Department has said that it plans to finalize those contracts as early as tomorrow.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires you to fill the SPR "as expeditiously as possible, *without incurring excessive cost or appreciably affecting the price of petroleum products to consumers.*" With the price of oil above \$126 per barrel, removing 70,000 barrels a day from the market to fill the reserve is both incurring excessive costs for taxpayers and affecting oil and gas prices for consumers.

I am writing to inform you that today, both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate will consider and are expected to pass legislation that would temporarily halt the fill of SPR for the remainder of 2008 as long as oil prices stay above \$75 per barrel. With Congressional action imminent, it would be recklessly irresponsible for your Department to enter into any further contracts to purchase oil to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in 2008 while prices remain high. The Department should not take actions that would be harmful to taxpayers, damaging to consumers, or inconsistent with the bills pending before the Congress.

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Page 2 of 2

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you or your staff have any questions,
please contact Morgan Gray at 202-225-4012.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
Chairman

Mr. James Sensenbrenner
Ranking Member

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5/15/2008 3:00 PM

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

May 13, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 753422

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: MAY 05, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOSEPH COURTNEY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RESCIND THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS TO
ADD MORE OIL PER DAY TO THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE
(SPR)

COMMENTS:

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Joe Courtney
Congress of the United States
 2nd District, Connecticut

May 5, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to urge you to rescind the solicitation of bids to add more oil per day to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). It has come to my attention that the Administration is poised to add 13 million barrels to the SPR when current contracts expire, resulting in an increase to the SPR of 6,000 barrels per day (to 76,000 barrels per day). It is my understanding that these increased deliveries will be made from August-December, 2008.

Our economy is stagnant. The price of a barrel of crude oil stands at \$114 per barrel; the price in May, 2007, was just under \$60 per barrel. The nationwide average price for a gallon of gasoline is \$3.62, an increase of \$.63 cents from a year ago. Food prices are skyrocketing, energy costs are increasing, producer prices are increasing and consumer confidence is low. Housing foreclosures are continuing and credit is tight.

Therefore, I question the necessity and timing of these new and increased deliveries to the SPR. The SPR has more than 700 million barrels in it, the highest level since before the Gulf Coast hurricanes. August is peak summer driving season and the early fall is when increased cargo for the holiday season is transported. Truckers are already paying high fuel costs, which has a ripple effect throughout the economy as the cost to transport goods increases.

I know that your Administration has thus far refused to divert oil from the SPR. However, actually increasing deliveries to the SPR is even more counter-productive, given the current state of our economy. I ask that you immediately suspend the solicitation and forego any increase to the SPR at this time.

Sincerely,

Joe Courtney
 JOSEPH COURTNEY
 Member of Congress

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 19, 2008

The Honorable Sam Bodman
Secretary
The United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write to express our strong support for the FutureGen program as it was originally conceived by the Administration in 2003. We continue to be concerned by actions that you have taken to try to terminate this important initiative.

During consideration of the FY08 Supplemental Appropriations Bill on May 15, 2008, the Senate Appropriations committee added by voice vote our amendment to extend the current cooperative agreement with the FutureGen Alliance through March 2009. We were pleased to have the unanimous support of our colleagues on the Committee.

Unfortunately, we were compelled to take this step to preserve this important program. Our goal is simply to extend the current budget period to March 30, 2009, to allow the next Administration to make its own decision about how to move forward with the FutureGen Program. We believe it is critical for this program and for the project at Mattoon to move forward. FutureGen is our nation's best hope of addressing the climate change, by creating a near zero-emissions coal fired power plant.

While we would prefer that the Department of Energy administratively extend the current budget period of the Cooperative Agreement, we felt compelled to push for this extension legislatively.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator



Christopher S. Bond
United States Senator

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May 16, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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ID: 753154

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 17, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: PAUL HODES
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PURCHASES OF OIL FOR THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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April 17, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to urge you to direct the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to temporarily suspend purchases of oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). This action would provide the American economy a critical short-term stimulus, without requiring Congressional approval.

Currently the SPR is 95 percent full with 695 million gallons in reserve. In August 2005, your Administration successfully used a temporary suspension to relieve rising fuel prices following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Consumers are facing an equally difficult situation today, as gas prices have skyrocketed more than 70 cents per gallon in the last year alone.

Rising costs are a serious concern in my home state of New Hampshire, particularly as we approach the summer driving season. Yesterday, gas prices in New Hampshire hit a new record high of \$3.23 and the cost of a barrel of oil rose to \$115 per barrel. Taking action now will provide consumers with needed savings that they can spend on other necessities, as well as improve the Granite State's tourism economy during the upcoming summer season.

The SPR is scheduled to receive 12.3 million barrels of oil over the next six months. Allowing this oil to enter the market rather than putting it into the SPR will drive down the price of gasoline and save the federal government about \$1 billion over the course of six months.

If you do not act quickly and decisively, American families will be struggling with record high gas prices this summer, further hurting our already fragile economy.

With the SPR almost completely full and consumers facing soaring fuel costs, suspending shipments to the SPR will provide relief at the pump and stimulate our economy. Again, I implore you to take quick and decisive action to provide relief to working, middle class families.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Hodes
Member of Congress

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MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 24, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: FRANK WOLF
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND FILING THE
STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE AS A SHORT-TERM SOLUTION TO
THE SOARING FUEL PRICES

COMMENTS:

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**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives**

April 24, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write today to urge you to take action to help relieve the pressure on the American people caused by soaring fuel prices. While I believe our country needs a comprehensive approach to address energy costs over the long term – and I have supported initiatives to help reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil – I ask that you temporarily suspend filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) as a short-term solution.

This week crude oil prices climbed to \$119 per barrel with no sign of abating. The SPR currently holds over 700 million barrels, which is 96 percent of capacity. In April 2006, when you announced a temporary halt to filling the SPR as part of a program to stem high fuel prices then, the nationwide average price per gallon was \$2.90. According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), the current nationwide average price per gallon for regular unleaded is \$3.55, the highest recorded price by AAA. I believe a temporary suspension could help to increase supply and offer some relief at the pump. Our economy is showing signs of a recession and needs a push in the right direction. Giving American consumers some immediate relief is crucial.

Americans are feeling this pinch not only with high prices at the pump, but in home heating bills and in soaring food costs. Gasoline prices are affecting our nation's businesses and industries that rely on trucks to move goods. The independent trucker is one of the hardest hit. With the cost of diesel now over \$4 a gallon, truckers with a 300-gallon semi could pay over \$1,200 each time they fill up. Every American is paying in some way for these increases.

No one action alone can make our nation energy independent overnight, and that's why it is critical that work begin today on a comprehensive approach for the long term. I urge your administration to take action on long-term solutions, including increasing refinery capacity, tapping into domestic sources of energy, supporting research on clean coal technology, investing in the development of alternative and renewable fuels, increasing research and development of biomass and biofuel, increasing accessibility of E85 filling stations, developing the hydrogen economy and promoting energy conservation.

Increasing refinery capacity and production in the U.S. must be a priority. There has not

The Honorable George W. Bush
April 24, 2008
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been a new refinery built in the U.S. in over 30 years. Other priorities must be allowing environmentally responsible exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and on the outer continental shelf as well as developing domestic crude resources in oil shale – all critical to curbing U.S. dependence on foreign oil and to lowering the price at the pump.

There is another concern I must raise which I believe could be artificially inflating the price of crude oil. I have become concerned about unregulated oil commodity futures trading and a recent Washington Post article underscored that concern, reporting that "some economists say the price of oil today should be slightly higher than the cost of finding and producing a new barrel of oil. If that were the case, the price might be about \$60 a barrel." An increasing amount of oil commodity trading is happening in off-market deals known as "over-the-counter" (OTC) trading. It is estimated that up to 50 percent of all energy trades are over-the-counter, without any regulation or oversight by the federal government. Without effective oversight, we don't know if energy speculators are trading on market realities or speculation based on fear and greed at the expense of hard-working Americans paying at the pump. We must end that practice and bring regulation to OTC trading.

Again, I urge your administration to take immediate steps to halt the filling of the SPR to provide relief today at the pump for American consumers and to work for long-term solutions that can provide energy independence for our country.

Sinceely,

Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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May 22, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 754142

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: MAY 06, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: CHUCK GRASSLEY
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMMEDIATELY HALT THE DEPOSITS OF
CRUDE OIL IN OUR NATION'S STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

COMMENTS:

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Bush:

I'm writing today to strongly encourage your administration to immediately halt the deposits of crude oil in our nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve. I recognize that the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is in place to protect our nation's economy and our national security from supply disruptions. Through the efforts of your administration, the SPR currently holds over 700 million barrels of crude oil.

With crude oil at \$120 a barrel and gasoline averaging over \$3.50 a gallon, Americans are spending ever more of their family budgets on transportation costs. Hard-working Americans across the country are struggling to cope with the rising costs for energy. I hear daily from farmers, small businesses, truck drivers and families in Iowa who are desperately in need of help. They need relief. It makes little sense to purchase oil at \$120 a barrel with taxpayer money that subsequently contributes to higher prices at the pump.

There are few actions that can be taken that will have a near term impact on the price of oil and gasoline. However, halting the deposits of crude oil in the SPR is a small but positive step that can increase the supply of crude oil in the market, and hopefully reduce the price at the pump.

I hope you'll take quick action to immediately halt the deposits of crude oil into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chuck Grassley
Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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TED STEVENS
U. S. SENATOR FOR ALASKA
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Dear Sam:

Note the Japanese involvement
in the Canadian government.
USGS estimates Alaska has
34,600 trillion c.b. of gas hydrates.
That does not include millions
seeps from thousands of lakes on
Federal property.
We should get out in front of
this before our opponents assault
us for ignoring the obvious.
My best regards.

Methane Poses Climate Risk, Energy Opportunity

<http://www.wired.com/print/science/planetearth/news/2008/05/methane>

By Eliza Strickland | 05.29.08 | 12:00 AM WIRED Magazine

 This image shows a chunk of burning methane hydrate. The inset image shows the hydrate's molecular structure: A lattice of water ice that traps the methane inside.

Courtesy U.S. Geological Survey

Methane reserves deep in the ocean and in arctic permafrost might trigger runaway global warming. But they've also got the potential to provide huge amounts of power, a possibility that is attracting the interest of energy companies.

Methane hydrate, a strange form of natural gas, has recently become a fascination for energy-hungry nations from the United States to Japan and India. Hydrate is found in oceans across the world, where the gas is trapped in icy structures below the seabed, and also lies beneath the Arctic's permafrost.

A paper published this week in *Nature* suggests that the release of methane hydrates, also known as clathrates, may have triggered a very rapid period of global warming 635 million years ago -- and may do so again. But those same hydrates are also a tempting target for energy production.

"What we've been asked to do is to make this a viable option for the policy makers in the future, and to figure out what's available to us," says Ray Boswell, a researcher with the U.S. Department of Energy's methane hydrates R&D program. "You don't want to find out that you need it, and then find out that you're 30 years down the science and technology curve."

The Gulf of Mexico is estimated to hold more than 6,500 trillion cubic feet of hydrate in sandstone reservoirs, currently the best candidates for commercial exploitation, according to the U.S. Minerals Management Service. If only 5 percent of that hydrate could be tapped, it would yield more than 300 trillion cubic feet of gas. By comparison, the United States' reserve of conventional natural gas is currently estimated at 211 trillion cubic feet.

Researchers romantically call methane hydrates "the fire in the ice," since the frosty chunks burn if you set a match to them. But it's not just romance that's drawing energy companies to the frozen fuel. While methane hydrates have previously been too expensive to extract on a commercial scale, the increasing price of oil -- now more than \$130 per barrel -- means the hydrates might soon become a profitable energy source. Chevron has been involved in the gulf research, and BP is exploring for hydrates in Alaska. Japanese engineers reportedly pumped hydrates from a test well in Canada's Northwest Territories this last winter.

"Everybody knows there's a lot of it," Boswell says. "Now, our goal is to understand the ramifications: Does it have potential as an energy resource, and if so, how would you go about getting it? And how does it fit into climate issues?"

It's that last question that opens up the can of worms: Even as some researchers wonder whether methane hydrate could play an important role in powering the 21st century, others ask whether it has played a critical part in catastrophic climate shifts in the past -- and if it could do so again.

The troubling questions arise from prehistoric climate blips that researchers are still struggling to understand.

The most recent abrupt climate change occurred 55 million years ago during the Eocene greenhouse event, when ice disappeared from the poles and trees grew in Antarctica. From analyzing the fossil record, researchers determined that there were very high levels of methane in the atmosphere at that time.

Some paleoclimate researchers hypothesize that a gradually warming climate brought oceans to a temperature tipping point around 55 million years ago, which caused icy methane hydrate structures to melt and let the gas bubble up to the ocean's surface in a long, enormous burp. Since methane is a more powerful greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, if it were released into the atmosphere in a huge gush, it may have caused temperatures to spike dramatically.

This theoretical precedent has led to speculation in popular science books that our current bout of man-made global warming could cause another catastrophic methane release. But the dominant scientific paradigm is that methane is more likely to be an issue over the long term.

David Archer is an ocean chemist at the University of Chicago who called methane the "crouching tiger of the carbon cycle" on a respected climate blog.

"It's predicted that with a doubled [carbon dioxide] concentration, the deep ocean could eventually change its temperature by about three degrees," Archer told Wired.com. "Three degrees would eventually get rid of all the methane in the ocean. But at what rate -- that's the question."

After conducting his most recent modeling experiments, Archer says that methane released from the ocean could accelerate global warming over a time frame of thousands of years. But we don't have a serious cause for alarm within our lifetime, he says. Smaller releases of methane hydrate are likely as the Arctic permafrost thaws during this century, "but those are equivalent to a volcano eruption," Archer says. "It's not a doomsday thing."

But the lead author of the new *Nature* paper, Martin Kennedy of the University of California at Riverside, explicitly called a release of methane hydrate "a doomsday scenario for the climate," and called for far more research into methane's role in the world's climate.

While U.S. scientists are proceeding fairly slowly, investigating both the risks and benefits of methane hydrates, other countries are on a faster track.

Japan, South Korea, China and India are all determined to make methane hydrates a viable energy source. India spent \$35 million on a 2006 expedition to explore deposits along its coasts, while South Korea, which currently relies on imported natural gas to fuel most of its power plants, has pledged to start commercial production by 2015.

The world may have found a successor to the gold rush and the oil boom: the methane bubble.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

June 23, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 756389

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: MAY 08, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOHN DINGELL
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NOT TO ENTER INTO ANY NEW
CONTRACTS TO FILL THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE
(SPR) DURING CALENDAR YEAR 08

COMMENTS:

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge you to direct the Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE) not to enter into any new contracts to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) during calendar year 2008. Given the record cost of oil and resulting hardship for average Americans, businesses, farmers, and the general economy, it would be imprudent for the Department at this point to obligate itself to new contractual commitments for this period. The concern applies equally to direct purchases of oil from currently tight world markets or to oil obtained through the Federal royalty-in-kind program. Under either approach, the Department's action would effectively remove oil from markets that otherwise could provide additional supply to ease current conditions.

My request is consistent with the authority and responsibilities provided the Secretary under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which directed the Department to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to the 1 billion barrel capacity authorized by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act as expeditiously as practicable, without incurring excessive cost or appreciably affecting the price of petroleum products to consumers.

In addition, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 directed that, in making decisions about acquiring petroleum for the Reserve, the Department must take into account and balance several other factors, including the need to avoid adversely affecting current and future prices of oil, and to minimize costs to the Government (including foregone revenues to the Treasury when product is obtained through the royalty-in-kind program).

Mr. President, as you know, oil market prices have attained new record price levels in recent days. Crude oil priced for June delivery has hovered above \$120 per barrel despite rising inventory numbers. Many analysts believe that such prices have much to do with commodity price speculation, rather than near-term market fundamentals. If so, even modest market events,

The President of the United States

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such as the determination of the U.S. Government to sell, rather than inject into storage, its royalty oil, could potentially prick the speculative bubble. For the U.S. Government to take a "business as usual" attitude in the face of such unprecedented and egregious market conditions could, to the contrary, reinforce the commodity speculators' hypothesis that current pricing reflects instead new market fundamentals that will sustain such prices and reward their speculation.

An Energy Information Administration analysis prepared in connection with Senate testimony by Administrator Guy Caruso in February 2008 indicated that a market impact of "just under \$2 per barrel" would be expected from filling the SPR at a rate of 100,000 barrels per day in 2008, assuming that OPEC nations did not increase production by a matching amount. The actual fill rate since that analysis has been somewhat lower, but the analysis was prepared assuming per barrel oil prices would remain in the mid-\$80 range. It is conceivable that the market effects of such a change in supply might now be greater than \$2 per barrel, but it is unquestionable that the directional effect of adding oil for sale in today's tight market would be to reduce prices from whatever levels they would otherwise attain.

I understand that the Department has announced that it plans to continue adding to the Reserve through the royalty-in-kind program after the current contracts end in July. On April 4, 2008, DOE issued a solicitation seeking new contracts to exchange up to 13 million barrels of royalty oil from Federal leases to add to the Reserve from August through December 2008. Bids are due May 13, 2008, and presumably new contracts could be signed soon thereafter.

Mr. President, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to direct the Secretary not to enter into any new contracts to acquire additional petroleum for the SPR at this time, whether through direct purchases or the royalty-in-kind program. The Reserve currently holds about 701 million barrels, and at the completion of deliveries under its existing contracts in July will have reached 709 million barrels. The Reserve's maximum physical capacity at present is 727 million barrels, and the Department has indicated that additional storage capacity will not be available for several years. Furthermore, DOE indicates the Reserve contains 58 days of protection in the event of a crude oil import supply interruption, and that in combination with private stocks, places the U.S. in compliance with International Energy Agency requirements.

To my mind, the potential gain in national security of contracting to fill the remaining increment of available capacity in the Reserve is simply not worth the risk that keeping these royalty barrels off the market might contribute to the continuation or exacerbation of high gasoline prices. I recognize that if the Department were to immediately halt SPR deliveries under existing contracts, as some have urged, it could face lawsuits for breach of contract that might result in liability to the taxpayer. However, it is within the Department's discretion not to enter into new contracts at this time, which would avoid this risk. Such a decision would be wholly consistent with your decision in 2006 to suspend filling the SPR during the summer driving season, when oil prices were at about half of their current levels. Finally, given the level of Congressional concern about further acquisitions of petroleum for SPR at this time, and

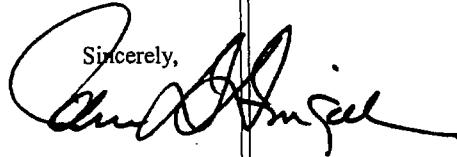
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legislative proposals to bar additional fill during 2008, it seems unnecessarily confrontational at this time to enter into new contracts that might be thrown into jeopardy by subsequent Congressional action.

Mr. President, I have been and remain a strong supporter of filling the Reserve, and believe the Department should look for appropriate means and times to meet the 1 billion barrel target as directed in the 2005 Energy Policy Act. However, this should be done in a manner that is consistent with the balancing factors set forth in the Act, in order to avoid raising consumer prices. In light of the extraordinarily high current gasoline prices, widespread uncertainty about whether and when markets may stabilize, the obvious adverse effect this is having on average Americans, and the potential beneficial effect on markets of adding Federal royalty oil to available supplies, it makes no sense to enter into new agreements to fill the Reserve at this time.

I, therefore, urge you to direct the Secretary of Energy not to bind the Department, consumers, and the taxpayers to the consequences of entering new contracts for filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve during 2008, and to defer any new fill commitments until oil markets stabilize and intelligent decisions can be made about appropriate time periods and terms for resuming additions to the Reserve.

Sincerely,



JOHN D. DINGELL
CHAIRMAN

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

A number of recent proposals in Congress and elsewhere call for the Federal Government to withdraw a significant quantity of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and sell it as a means of providing downward pressure on record crude oil prices. Pursuant to recent legislation enacted in response to high market prices, filling of the SPR has been suspended. The question now is whether to begin active sales of SPR crude oil in an effort to provide gasoline price relief to American consumers.

I respectfully request that you provide answers to the following questions by noon on Thursday, July 17, 2008. Your response will help guide me and other members of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in reviewing the merits of any such proposals, over which this Committee has jurisdiction.

1. The purpose of the SPR has always been, in my understanding, to provide partial protection for the United States in the event of a major physical disruption of oil supplies, and to meet the Nation's international treaty obligations to hold a requisite supply of oil in strategic stocks in the event of an international emergency affecting oil supplies. Are there other purposes for U.S. policy with regard to the building and use of the SPR that go beyond these objectives?
2. If so, what is the statutory or other legal authority for use of the SPR for such other objectives?
3. What is the minimum amount of reserves in the SPR required to meet our international treaty obligations?

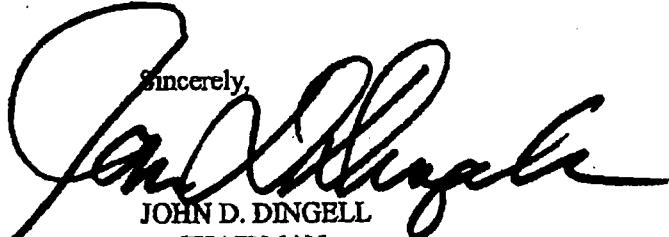
4. Is there any requirement on other treaty partners to match U.S. withdrawals from strategic stocks for purposes of affecting oil market prices?
5. Please describe the circumstances of all prior draw-downs of the SPR. Include the date, withdrawal-rate, volume of oil withdrawn, disposition of the oil, and reason for each withdrawal.
6. Of the occasions on which oil has historically been withdrawn from the SPR, please identify and provide the stated rationales for any that were not related to:
 - a. a major event affecting physical oil supplies, such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita or the first Gulf War;
 - b. tests of the SPR's capabilities and capacities; or
 - c. exchanges for other oil being injected.
7. Has crude oil ever previously been withdrawn from the SPR and sold for the explicit purpose of affecting crude oil market prices?
8. Would a decision to withdraw crude oil from SPR and sell it as a means of affecting crude oil market prices require new statutory authority?
9. What is the maximum withdrawal rate for crude oil that could be achieved from the SPR on a sustained basis for at least one month?
10. How much time would be required before this withdrawal rate could be achieved?
11. What physical transportation and delivery issues would arise if a determination were made to begin withdrawals and sale of crude oil from the SPR? How would the Department address such issues and what period of time would be required to resolve them?
12. What issues related to marketing and commercial arrangements would arise if the Department of Energy were required to move quickly to a position of selling a significant quantity of crude oil being withdrawn from the SPR? How would the Department address such issues and what period of time would be required to resolve them?
13. Since the SPR was designed to offset a loss of oil supply to the U.S., but in this instance would provide additional oil to a U.S. market still being fully supplied with

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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imports as well as domestically produced oil, would there be physical capacity constraints or logistical issues in accepting the additional barrels of oil in the market?

14. What issues with regard to the physical capacity, re-filling, or operational management of the SPR would arise from a decision to withdraw crude oil from it in large volumes for an indeterminate period of time?
15. Would the integrity of the SPR's storage facilities or caverns be compromised if oil were withdrawn and not replaced within a given period of time?
16. What would be the budgetary treatment of the proceeds of any such sales of crude oil from the SPR? What budgetary or statutory authority governs the use of such proceeds?
17. Could such proceeds be reserved for use in purchasing oil to refill the SPR at such time when oil prices decrease without new authority?

Thank you for your prompt attention. If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact John Jimison with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 225-2927.

Sincerely,

JOHN D. DINGELL
CHAIRMAN

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: BART GORDON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES TO ADD HIS SUPPORT TO THE GLOBAL STRATEGY TO
LAUNCH 20 CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE DEMONSTRATION
PROJECTS BY 2010 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) AND THE CARBON SEQUESTRATION
LEADERSHIP FORUM (CSLF)

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July 2, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear President Bush:

I am writing to add my support to the global strategy to launch 20 carbon capture and storage demonstration projects by 2010 as recommended by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF). I was pleased to see that the Joint Statement by the G-8 Energy Ministers on June 8, 2008, stressed the need to develop carbon capture and sequestration technologies (CCS) and also supported the IEA and CSLF's recommendation to conduct 20 CCS demonstration projects worldwide. I cannot overstate the importance of signaling your support for this international initiative on carbon capture and sequestration by ensuring the necessary information and cost-sharing mechanisms are in place to stimulate deployment of CCS technologies. If we do not make a substantial investment to demonstrate integrated CCS technologies now, our ability to implement a comprehensive and meaningful climate change program could be seriously undermined.

Last week, the IEA released its report, "Energy Technology Perspectives 2008." The report makes it abundantly clear that achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions remains a daunting challenge and meeting that challenge will require unprecedented investments in advanced technologies. The technology roadmap in the report includes deployment of CCS technologies contributing a 19% savings in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050. However, the IEA also lays out a number of barriers to large-scale deployment of CCS technologies, including legal, regulatory, financial, economic and technical hurdles as well as the need for educating stakeholders. These complex issues require our immediate attention. I believe that collaboration with our international partners to overcome these barriers will allow us to make the best-informed decisions about deployment of a CCS strategy here in the United States and around the globe.

As you know, Title VII of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 authorizes \$200 million for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to conduct large-scale demonstrations of

carbon capture technologies. Additionally, the law authorizes \$240 million for fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to continue research on CCS technologies and conduct seven large-scale carbon injection tests. The law also encourages the Department of Energy to work toward demonstrating an integrated CCS system. Next week at the G-8 Summit, I urge you to assure our international partners that you will aggressively and creatively pursue the necessary cost-sharing mechanisms and incentives for facilitating the revolution in energy technology deployment required to achieve common objectives for a more secure, reliable, affordable and sustainable energy-use outlook.

I applaud the G-8 Energy Ministers for embracing the recommendations of the IEA and CSLF to launch 20 CCS demonstration projects. I strongly believe that collaboration with our global partners on the development, demonstration and deployment of CCS technologies will help us make sound policy decisions. As Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee, I stand ready to work with all interested parties to tackle the challenge of climate change.

Sincerely,



BART GORDON
Chairman

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July 22, 2008

Mr. Carl Bauer, Director
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Dear Mr. Bauer,

It has come to my attention that a misunderstanding may exist with regard to the types of projects that are eligible for funding consideration within the Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) demonstration program.

During the final days of the July 2005 House-Senate conference for the Energy Policy Act, I successfully offered an amendment to the draft section entitled, "Technical Criteria for Clean Coal Power Initiative". The amendment was expressed as, "... (v) other advanced coal based technologies capable of producing a concentrated stream of carbon dioxide."

Prior to the amendment, at least 70 percent of CCPI funds would only be for coal-based gasification projects. The purpose of the amendment was to eliminate constraints on the availability of CCPI funding for demonstrations of combustion-based carbon dioxide capture technologies. Demonstrations of combustion-based technologies intentionally designed to capture carbon dioxide will enable subsequent storage or use for the carbon dioxide.

I trust you understand that prospective technologies need to be demonstrated for capture of carbon dioxide emission from coal combustion plants. If the EPAct 2005 language is confusing, it is entirely due to the placement of the amendment within the "Gasification Projects" subtitle of the "Technical Criteria for Clean Coal Power Initiative". The amendment was inserted there because of the press of approval of the conference agreement; and because the real issue was one of correcting the problem caused by explicitly and prematurely choosing gasification as the technology winner, i.e., by dedicating 70 percent of demonstration funds to only gasification approaches.

It is the intent of Congress that all approaches capable of creating a concentrated stream of carbon dioxide should be eligible for consideration for the 70 percent CCPI demonstration funding.

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I appreciate your consideration and attention to this matter. Please advise me of your intention regarding utilization of the 70 percent pool of CCPI funds, i.e., to include support of combustion-based carbon capture technologies.

Sincerely,



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Chip Pickering

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DICK DURBIN
UNITED STATES SENATE
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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO
RELEASE LIGHT SWEET CRUDE OIL FROM THE RESERVE TO HELP
AMERICANS AT THE PUMP NOW

COMMENTS:

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July 31, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing today to urge you to use your emergency authority to immediately release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Virtually no other action you could take would have as positive or as immediate an impact at the pump, lowering fuel prices for American consumers and businesses. Unlike other proposals put forward in recent days that would take 8 to 10 years to affect the price of gasoline, an announcement of plans to release oil from the Reserve could cause a decline in oil prices within hours. A similar announcement made by your father, President George H. W. Bush, in 1991 led oil prices to decline within a day of the announcement, even though the actual release of oil did not occur for two weeks.

For the past two months, U.S. gasoline prices have topped \$4.00 per gallon – at least \$1 more than just a year ago. Diesel fuel has been even more expensive, now averaging \$4.60 a gallon. This has had a devastating effect on American families and businesses. Although gasoline prices have risen 165 percent since you have taken office, average gross income has increased only approximately 24 percent. High transportation costs are adding to higher prices in our stores and supermarkets, too.

Fuel prices have risen in direct response to rising crude oil prices. The 40-percent increase in oil prices since the beginning of the year is unprecedented, given that there have been no unusual world supply disruptions. Instead, growing worldwide demand, flat production, and uncontrolled market speculation have put upward pressure on oil prices. This crisis constitutes a severe energy supply interruption. It requires an immediate response, and you hold it in your power to authorize a release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that will immediately supplement our crude oil supply and break the cycle of spiraling speculation.

The Government Accountability Office recommended in a hearing before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on February 26, 2008, that the Department of Energy hold 10 percent of its Strategic Petroleum Reserve inventory in heavy crude oil. The lack of heavy, sour crude oil in the Reserve inventory poses a problem for refiners that use this kind of oil, refiners upon whom we would rely in the case of an emergency supply disruption. The Department has acknowledged the benefit of holding heavier crude oil in its inventory and stated its intent to acquire heavy crude oil as it expands its inventory capacity.

We ask that you take immediate action to begin to implement this modernization of the Reserve by releasing 70 million barrels of light, sweet crude oil, about 10 percent of the current Reserve inventory.

This would have an immediate effect on oil and gasoline prices, unlike proposals that would open new federal land and offshore areas for drilling, which would not add oil to the market for many years.

At an appropriate time in the future, the Reserve should be replenished with lower-grade, heavy crude oil, in accordance with the GAO's recommendation. Market conditions are favorable for this exchange of light for heavy crude, as the current high price differential between these two crude types would allow the Department to generate considerable revenue.

Given the benefits this step offers for the mission of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and the relief it would provide to Americans suffering from record high fuel costs, we urge you to direct the Department of Energy to release light, sweet crude oil from the reserve to help Americans at the pump now.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bill Nelson

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: TED STEVENS
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SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
BASED ON NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS TO
MANDATE THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO CONDUCT AN
IMMEDIATE STATE-OF-THE-ART SEISMIC SURVEY OF THE
HYDROCARBON RESOURCES WITHIN THE 1.5 MILLION ACRE
1002 AREA OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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August 1, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Efforts to advance America's energy security have been repeatedly frustrated in the United States Congress. As Americans increasingly make their simple plea through polls and petitions for more energy exploration, the Majority has responded almost entirely with dilatory tactics and obstruction. The energy crisis now borders on an emergency.

On July 14, you took a major step towards freeing up American oil and gas reserves by lifting the Executive moratorium on OCS development. This exercise of Presidential authority represents direct and efficient progress towards exploring America's vast and valuable reserves.

We now request you issue an Executive Order based on national security considerations to mandate the United States Geological Survey to conduct an immediate, state-of-the-art seismic survey of the hydrocarbon resources within the 1.5 million acre 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This would be purely informational and environmentally non-intrusive.

The last seismic survey of the area is 25 years old (winter of 1983-84), and the United States government is operating with outdated information of America's energy inventory. In times of fragile national security and economy, an accurate assessment of American energy resources is fundamental to the national interest.

Section 1003 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (PL 96-487) prohibits any "exploration leading to development" without an act of Congress. However, the Congressional intent of this prohibition does not cover seismic testing. The prohibition is directed at exploratory drilling which, unlike seismic, typically leads to development whenever hydrocarbons are discovered. Modern seismic testing, on the other hand, is roughly equivalent to photography in terms of its environmental impact on land.

As Congress continues to debate the various issues surrounding energy resources, your Administration's support in providing the Legislative branch with this essential information is critical. Our current energy crisis highlights the need for the specific data 3D seismic will provide. Using your Executive power to inventory national energy resources will assure our Nation has accurate, correct data to reassess the potential of the 1002 area.

Very Respectfully,



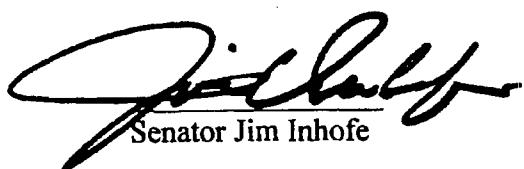
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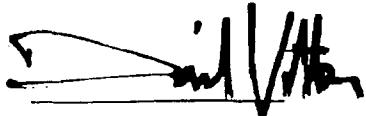
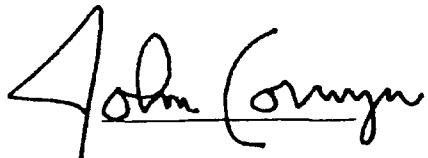
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FROM: JIM MCGOVERN
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DRAW DOWN UPON THE STRATEGIC
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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July 10, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Our country is facing an energy crisis that has not been seen for nearly three decades. When facing high energy prices or supply shortfalls, Presidential Administrations have taken necessary steps to alleviate the harmful impacts upon American families and businesses. As demonstrated by your predecessors, the single most significant way for you to provide timely relief is to draw down upon the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

Whether it was during the early 1990s under President George H.W. Bush or in late 2000 under President Bill Clinton, both instances proved that when a judicious drawdown of the SPR was authorized, oil prices dropped and relief was provided quickly.

The SPR is currently 97 percent full, its highest level ever, and is sufficiently large enough for national security needs. Releasing reasonable amounts from the SPR is the most efficient way to provide the timely economic relief that American consumers, families, and businesses so desperately need. Once oil is deployed from the SPR, it can be infused into the market 13 days later and provide much needed assistance.

When you signed the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Fill Suspension and Consumer Protection Act of 2008 into law this past May, thereby suspending government purchases of high-priced oil for the SPR, you took one step forward. But our economy, our families and our businesses need immediate relief, so I strongly request that you take the next step and draw down upon the SPR without delay.

Obviously, this proposal—which is also supported by Speaker Nancy Pelosi—is not a long term strategy. In that regard, I believe we must aggressively invest in renewable and alternative sources of energy so that we may diversify our energy reliance. But, for the short term, we must help our citizens now. It is in this spirit that I hope you will act quickly to draw down upon the SPR.

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Thank you for your attention to this request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

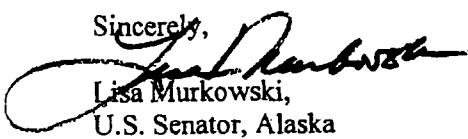
I am writing to request the Department of Energy to permit the Department's Arctic Energy Office to have greater flexibility to tackle a wider range of energy issues in Alaska. Since the Office's creation in 2001 as part of DOE's National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), the office located in Fairbanks, has focused on research largely aimed at fossil fuels and energy development. The Office has done excellent work researching methane hydrate potential, heavy oil production technology, coal production and related fossil energy work. All of the work has been beneficial and should be continued.

But it would be extremely beneficial if the office could expand its mandate to also work on non-fossil fuels/alternative energy development in Arctic climates. This winter Congress when it approved the Omnibus Appropriations Act for FY 08 specifically attempted to loosen the ties of the office to NETL, by giving it its own line item funding authority. I believe this change gives the Department the administrative authority to expand the scope of the office's mission without additional legislative approval.

I know that the United States Arctic Research Commission recently wrote the Department asking for a similar expansion in the scope of the duties of the Office. Energy development in the Arctic is increasingly complex as Arctic residents must choose among a host of fuels and power sources to meet their needs. Given the isolation of villages in Alaska and throughout the Arctic and the high cost of energy in the region, having better research and guidance on the deployment of alternative energy will pay giant dividends for the region and the nation. And allowing the Department greater research latitude could also help pioneer technology in a host of areas such as ocean energy development.

I believe the Commission suggested that the office be allowed to report directly to the Office of the Secretary. Regardless of the administrative process adopted, expanding the ability of the office to address a wider range of energy problems would be beneficial to the Department and to Alaskans. I hope you will consider this request in coming months. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski,
U.S. Senator, Alaska

9/9/2008 5:00 PM

RON WYDEN
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3703

September 9, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

On June 3, 2008 and July 30, 2008 respectively, your Department issued and affirmed an order pursuant to Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act that will allow two major integrated oil companies – ConocoPhillips and Marathon Oil – to export 98.1 billion cubic feet of Alaskan natural gas to Japan and other Pacific Rim countries. This order, which will allow the export of as much natural gas as is used by 1.4 million American families in a year, comes at a time when the President had demanded that the moratoria on oil and gas drilling along our environmentally-sensitive coastal areas be lifted and Americans are being warned that their winter heating bills are going to be dramatically higher. The Administration is trying to have it both ways – arguing that we need to drill everywhere because we don't have adequate energy supplies, while finding that we have so much energy that big oil companies can export it overseas and keep prices here at home higher than they would otherwise be. On its face, the order that Department has issued to allow the continued export of Alaskan natural gas does not meet the public interest test required by the Natural Gas Act and I respectfully request that you review and revoke it.

As you know, the United States has been exporting natural gas from Alaska to Japan since 1969. Historically, these exports were deemed in the public interest because there were no pipelines to the lower-48 states and no West Coast LNG terminals to bring this gas to market. Indeed, even in this most recent order, which would allow ConocoPhillips and Marathon to continue to export Alaskan natural gas when their current long-term authorization expires next April, the Department dismissed the possibility of supplying this gas to the lower-48 and only considered the local need for this natural gas within Alaska in its determination that the proposed export met the statute's public interest test.

What the Department should have fully considered, but did not, was the need for this natural gas in the lower-48 and the fact that the capability to import LNG to the West Coast has been commercially available as of May 15, 2008 – the date Sempra LNG, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, announced that its Energia Costa Azul LNG terminal in Baja California was ready for commercial operation. In fact, the Department appears to have relied upon inaccurate and out of date information submitted by ConocoPhillips and Marathon on this point. For example, the Department's June 3rd order cites arguments by these companies that, "(w)ith respect to national need, CPANGC [ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation] and Marathon state shipment of LNG from the Applicants'

Kenai LNG facilities to the lower 48 states does not appear to be a viable option due to certain regulatory and economic hurdles."

The hurdles cited by the companies, according to the Department, are the Jones Act which restricts shipments between U.S. ports to U.S. flagged vessels, the argument "that there are no existing U.S. west coast LNG receiving terminals," and the cost of shipping LNG to the East and Gulf coasts would be prohibitive. The Costa Azul facility was specifically designed to provide natural gas to U.S. markets, as well as Mexican customers. It is connected by a cross-border pipeline system capable of delivering natural gas to the U.S. market today, and that system is being expanded to provide even more capability. Under the North American Free Trade Agreement, there are no additional duties or tariffs on natural gas trade between the two countries. And because your Department already approves all exports and imports of natural gas between the U.S. and Mexico, it (and you) should be well aware of these capabilities. Since the facility is located in Mexico, the Jones Act does not apply.

Coming as it does, at a time when the Energy Information Administration (EIA), an agency within your own Department, is projecting that American consumers will be facing these high natural gas prices, it is inconceivable that the Department would accept, and apparently base its own decision upon, such flawed and out of date information. As described by the EIA in its most recent Short-Term Energy Outlook, Americans are facing dramatically higher natural gas costs this year, and especially this winter. According to EIA, the average price of natural gas consumers are expected to pay this winter will increase by more than 22% nationwide, and by more than 24% in the Western U.S. where the Alaskan gas would add to supply. EIA projects that natural gas prices will continue to remain high in future years with the spot price in 2009 averaging 25% more than 2007.

To add insult to injury, as argued by the Chugach Electric Association, the largest electric utility in Alaska and which uses natural gas to generate electricity, the Department's order did not even adequately address the need for gas within Alaska. Indeed, the Department rejected the pleas from Chugach to condition the export of Alaskan gas on assurances that Alaska's own need for natural gas was met.

In short, it is hard to see how the Department concluded that the proposed export of Alaskan natural gas met the required public interest test with regard to either Alaskan or lower-48 energy needs. For the Department to categorically reject an opportunity to provide additional supplies of energy to American consumers, both in Alaska and on the West Coast, at a time of record energy prices and instead let these companies send that energy to overseas markets, demands a Secretarial-level review.

Finally, I am also concerned about the fact that at least two U.S.-based LNG companies – Cheniere Marketing, Inc. and Freeport LNG Development, L.P.— have also applied to the Department for LNG export authority. Neither of these companies produces LNG. Rather they propose to re-export LNG already received, or expected to be received, at their U.S. LNG terminals. In Cheniere's case, the company is applying for permission to re-export up to 64 billion cubic feet of LNG over the next two years and 24 billion cubic

feet for Freeport – both from LNG terminals on the Gulf Coast. If America is really so short of energy that we need to drill in national wildlife refuges and other sensitive areas, why should energy supplies, sitting in U.S. terminals –roughly equivalent to what an additional 1.1 million families would use in a year – be sent back out of the country simply because these energy companies can get a higher price from a foreign buyer? In light of the Department's questionable interpretation of the Natural Gas Act public interest standard in the case of ConocoPhillips and Marathon, I would like to know how the Department intends to apply that statutory standard in the two re-export applications filed by Cheniere and Freeport. I would also like to know what action you are going to take to ensure that unlike the Alaskan natural gas export proceeding, these cases are decided on complete and accurate information.

Because Congress may soon consider legislation affecting US energy supplies, I request that you respond to my letter by September 15.

I also request that you please file a copy of this letter in the three administrative dockets referenced above (ConocoPhillips Alaska Natural Gas Corporation and Marathon Oil Company, FE Docket No. 07-02-LNG; Cheniere Marketing, Inc., FE Docket No. 08-77-LNG; and Freeport LNG Development, L.P. 08-70-LNG). Copies of this letter are also being provided to the appropriate representatives of the parties in those respective proceedings.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

October 07, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: INFO AND FILE COPY ONLY/NO ACTION NECESSARY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 766737

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: JULY 30, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: KEN CALVERT
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO VETO ANY SPENDING BILLS THAT WOULD
CONTINUE THE MORATORIUM ON OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF (OCS)
DRILLING

COMMENTS:

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House of Representatives
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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

July 30, 2008

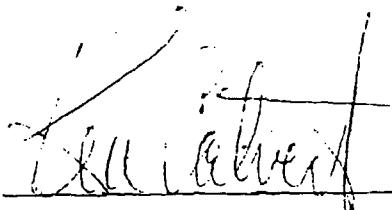
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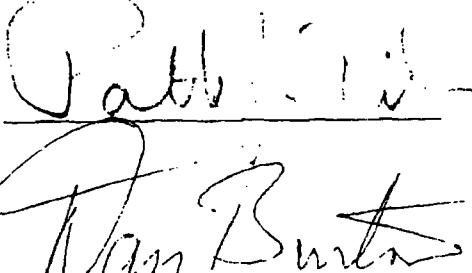
As you know, the Democrats in the House of Representatives have been unable to pass a single Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations bill. However, with the end of FY2008 looming, we know they will be forced to bring some of these bills and/or a Continuing Resolution to the floor before September 30, 2008 in order to avoid a government shutdown.

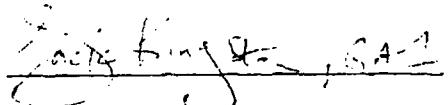
We are concerned that Democrats will force a vote on a Continuing Resolution containing a number of riders, including the moratorium on Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas exploration. The American people support increasing our American energy resources by opening up the OCS to oil and natural gas exploration, and we strongly urge you to veto any spending bills that would continue the moratorium on OCS drilling.

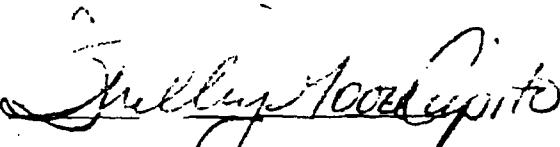
Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership on this critical issue.

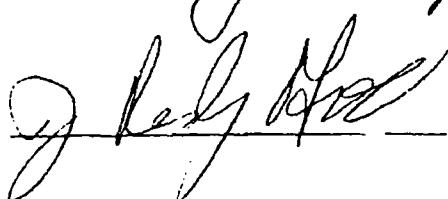
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October 17, 2008

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 767970

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: SAXBY CHAMBLISS
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR PERDUE SEP 29 08 REQUEST TO
MAKE A RELEASE FROM THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR)

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 30, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing in reference to Governor Sonny Perdue's September 29th request to make a release from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to assist with the gasoline shortages our state continues to experience. We support Governor Perdue's efforts to increase transportation fuel supplies in our state.

Since Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, gas stations in our State of Georgia, particularly in the metro-Atlanta area, have experienced severe gasoline shortages, with some having no gasoline at all. When gasoline is available, Georgians are waiting hours in long lines – sometimes 100 cars deep – until the station runs dry. It is anticipated that these outages and shortages will continue for at least another two weeks.

We appreciate your directive earlier this month to release crude oil supplies from the SPR, and believe that release lessened the negative impact from production losses in the Gulf of Mexico from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. We also appreciate your responsiveness to our requests to waive the Environmental Protection Agency requirement on usage of a low sulfur blend of gas for our state, as well as extending the Department of Transportation hours of service waiver, which will allow more quantities of fuel to be carried to gas stations in Georgia.

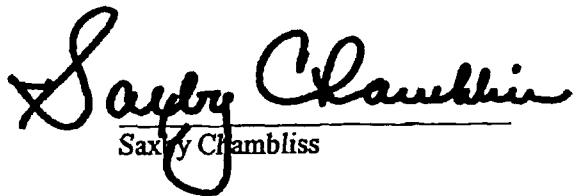
Because the September 26, 2008 Energy Information Administration's report indicated that 57% of the Gulf of Mexico's crude oil production remained shut in, we believe another release from the SPR would be appropriate. We remain committed to doing everything we can to ensure that an adequate supply of gasoline can reach our state, and are encouraging our private sector and federal partners to assist us in this effort.

As we look to the future, and in order to prevent such a shortage from occurring again, we ask that your administration work to remove any regulatory roadblocks that may exist that prevent siting new refineries and pipelines throughout our region and the country. When Hurricane Gustav hit the oil-refining regions of the Gulf Coast on September 1st it caused widespread refinery shutdowns and outages. Operations that shut down before that storm were just coming back online when Hurricane Ike hit, forcing another shutdown. Since the Southeast is the only region of the nation that has no oil refining or major gasoline storage capacity, we are forced to pump all of our gasoline in by pipeline. Pipelines have been operating at significantly less than full capacity

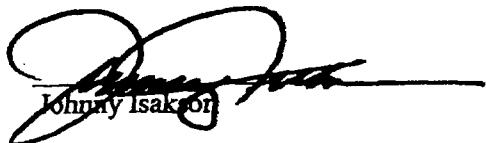
because of the lack of refining capabilities in the Gulf region, and the outages we are seeing are because of the three week period since September 1st in which there was little to no refining happening. By increasing the number of refineries and pipelines, and diversifying their locations, we can ensure that such disruptions from natural disasters are minimized.

We stand ready to assist you in whatever way possible to address the existing fuel supply problem in our state, and to put the policies and infrastructure in place to prevent such a shortage from happening again.

Sincerely,



Saxby Chambliss



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November 12, 2008

The Honorable Kenneth Wainstein
Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism
Homeland Security Council
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1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. Wainstein:

I understand that the required Waterway Suitability Report (WSR) for the first of two proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals in Washington County, Maine, has been bogged down in the interagency review process due to concerns over conflicting United States-Canadian interpretations of international law and Canada's refusal to participate in the LNG permitting process. At issue in this WSR are the rights of deep-draft LNG tankers to reach the first proposed LNG site through Canadian waters, specifically through Head Harbor Passage (HHP) and Passamaquoddy Bay. But the results of the WSR will also affect the ability of all large vessels transiting the east coast of Washington County – regardless of the type of cargo – to engage in commerce through the HHP.

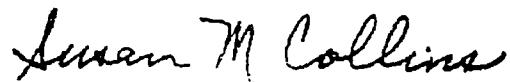
Although I recognize that our country has a long history of working cooperatively with Canada, I concur fully with the State Department's diplomatic efforts to formally advise the Canadian government that it views the HHP as an international strait and, therefore, that all vessels enjoy the right of non-suspendable innocent passage under Article 45 of the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). I strongly believe that the WSR, and any conditions thereon, must explicitly recognize the United States' right to innocent passage through the HHP under international law.

Furthermore, I am convinced that Canada's refusal to participate in this LNG permit process should not have a detrimental effect on the timely adjudication of the permit. To find otherwise would amount to providing Canada a veto power over this permit process and set an unfortunate precedent for this and other matters of critical importance to United States national security and energy independence.

A final determination on this WSR was expected nearly a year ago. I urge completion of the interagency review process as soon as practical, as I am concerned that the window of opportunity for this important initiative may be closing and that further delay would essentially

make a final decision on the LNG permit moot. Moreover, I reiterate the importance of explicit recognition of United States' rights under international law in the WSR.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member

CC: Secretary Michael Chertoff
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General Counsel (GC)

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1. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Jeff Bingaman

Subject: Chairman Jeff Bingaman forwards the Senate Bill, S. 114, "The Patent Reform Act of 2007" and requests DOE comments on each section of the bill that affects the Department's patent activities and propose legislative language where appropriate

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2. Letter to RW/Edward F. Sproat from Chairman, Committee on Environmental and Public Works

Barbara Boxer

Subject: Chairman Barbara Boxer requests the Department of Energy to provide the requested documents related to the Yucca Mountain license application

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| Address Office: | RW | Due Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |

3. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from John D. Dingell, Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Bart Stupak, Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Subject: Chairmen John D. Dingell and Bart Stupak requesting documents and response to questions relating to the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) program

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4. Letter to GC/David Hill from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce and Chairman Bart Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Subject: Request copies of all documents relating to potential conflicts of interest, conflict of interest waivers, and any documents that address or would require recusals from participating in official matters for 3 DOE individuals

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003090 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | GC | Correspondence Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |
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| Address Office: | GC | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

5. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Ed Pastor

Subject: Representative Ed Pastor requests the DOE's General Counsel's office clarification as to its legal concerns and an opportunity to address those concerns regarding the proposed electric transmission transaction between the Western Area Power Administration and the Arizona Power Authority

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003454 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
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6. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Environment Nick Lampson**
Subject: Chairman Nick Lampson requests the Department of Energy provide complete records of all materials relating to FutureGen from November 2007 until the present
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004000 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 02-Apr-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 03-Apr-2008 10:19AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 09-Apr-2008
7. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Harry Reid, John Ensign, Representatives Shelley Berkley, Jon Porter and Dean Heller**
Subject: Senator Harry Reid and Four Members of Congress request the Department of Energy to terminate DOE's contract with the law firm Morgan Lewis and Bockius and begin a competitive procurement process if the firm's replacement is deemed necessary to comply with current law regarding Yucca Mountain
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004585 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 15-Apr-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 16-Apr-2008 9:24AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 28-Apr-2008
8. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Bart Gordon, Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology; Nick Lampson, Chairman, and Bob Inglis, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment**
Subject: Requesting all responsive documents or an index of the documents withheld relating to Secretarial participation in the decision to terminate the FutureGen project; ask that DOE staff arrange to meet w/Committee staff to discuss any further accommodations required
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004714 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 17-Apr-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 18-Apr-2008 10:18AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 22-Apr-2008
9. **Letter to GC/David Hill from Chairmn John Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce and Chairman Bart Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**
Subject: Request copies of all records relating to any ethics or conflicts of interest issues in connection with the nomination of Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy and the Department of Energy
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004954 Priority: Essential
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Address Office: GC Due Date: 06-May-2008
10. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairmen Bart Gordon and Nick Lampson, Brad Miller and Ranking Members Bob Inglis and F. James Sensenbrenner, Committee on Science and Technology**
Subject: Requests DOE provide all responsive documents, including those related to the New FutureGen Program Plan completed in January 2008 to the Committee on Science and Technology no later than May 12, 2008
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005521 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 07-May-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 13-May-2008 1:09PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 20-May-2008

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11. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Henry A. Waxman (D-CA), Committee on Oversight and Government Reform**
Subject: Requesting that by July 18, 2008, the DOE provide documents relating to the drafting, negotiation, or signing of the recent oil development contracts with the Iraqi Ministry of Oil and information on government advisors and private-sector consultants working on the development of these contracts
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007227 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 03-Jul-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 07-Jul-2008 10:40AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 11-Jul-2008
12. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign, Representatives Shelley Berkley, Jon Porter and Dean Heller**
Subject: Requesting the Department to Energy to recuse the law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius (Morgan Lewis) from working on the Yucca Mountain project license application.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007312 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 08-Jul-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 09-Jul-2008 10:37AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 21-Jul-2008
13. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairmen Bart Gordon (D-TN), Committee on Science and Technology, Nicholas Lampson (D-TX), Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, and Brad Miller (D-NC), Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight**
Subject: Requesting that the Department of Energy provide materials relating to the decision to enter into or renegotiate a partnership with the FutureGen Industrial Alliance for the FutureGen project
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008281 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 28-Jul-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 01-Aug-2008 10:41AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 12-Aug-2008
14. **Letter to GC/David Hill from Representative Nydia M. Velazquez**
Subject: Requests DOE to provide written confirmation that it does in fact view the statutory authority granted in P.L. 110-235 as being sufficient to extend the authorization of the SBIR program through March 20, 2009
Control Number: EXEC-2008-009251 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 20-Aug-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 25-Aug-2008 3:20PM
Address Office: GC Due Date: 10-Sep-2008
15. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Bart Gordon, Committee on Science and Technology; Chairman Nick Lampson, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment and Chairman Brad Miller, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight**
Subject: Ask that documents requested in the letter of July 28, 2008, concerning the decision to terminate the Department's participation in the FutureGen Project are produced to the Committee
Control Number: EXEC-2008-012185 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 31-Oct-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 06-Nov-2008 4:04PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 06-Nov-2008

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January 7, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

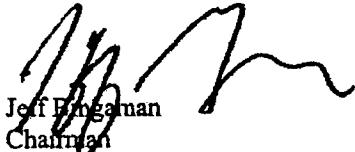
During this session of Congress, the Senate may consider S. 1145, "The Patent Reform Act of 2007". I have attached the bill as marked up by the Judiciary Committee for your consideration. The bill makes a number of proposals that alter the disclosure and filing of inventions with the Patent and Trademark Office as well as the manner in which patents are litigated.

Given the Department of Energy's leadership in science and innovation and its unique patent property authorities in the Atomic Energy Act, the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act and the Bayh Dole Act, I would like to request your opinion on how the bill affects patent activities at the Department. Please provide comments on each section of the bill that affects the Department's patent activities and proposed legislative language where you think changes are needed.

I would also like to request whether the existing patent law provisions unique to the Department should be legislatively modified and if so, that you propose legislative language.

My points of contact for this matter are Dr. Jonathan Epstein or Mr. Sam Fowler. I thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
Chairman

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110TH CONGRESS
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S. 1145

[Report No. 110-_____]

To amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2007

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. Hatch, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY (legislative day, JULY), 2007

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

To amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**
- 3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.** This Act may be cited as the
- 4 *"Patent Reform Act of 2007".*

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
2 this Act is as follows:

See. 1. Short title; table of contents.
See. 2. Reference to title 35, United States Code.
See. 3. Right of the first inventor to file.
See. 4. Inventor's oath or declaration.
See. 5. Right of the inventor to obtain damages.
See. 6. Post-grant procedures and other quality enhancements.
See. 7. Definitions; patent trial and appeal board.
See. 8. Study and report on reexamination proceedings.
See. 9. Submissions by third parties and other quality enhancements.
See. 10. Venue and jurisdiction.
See. 11. Regulatory authority.
See. 12. Technical amendments.
See. 13. Effective date; rule of construction.

3 **SEC. 2. REFERENCE TO TITLE 35, UNITED STATES CODE.**

4 Whenever in this Act a section or other provision is
5 amended or repealed, that amendment or repeal shall be
6 considered to be made to that section or other provision
7 of title 35, United States Code.

8 **SEC. 3. RIGHT OF THE FIRST INVENTOR TO FILE.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 100 is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

11 “(f) The term ‘inventor’ means the individual or, if
12 a joint invention, the individuals collectively who invented
13 or discovered the subject matter of the invention.

14 “(g) The terms ‘joint inventor’ and ‘coinventor’ mean
15 any 1 of the individuals who invented or discovered the
16 subject matter of a joint invention.

17 “(h) The ‘effective filing date of a claimed invention’
18 is—

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January 16, 2008

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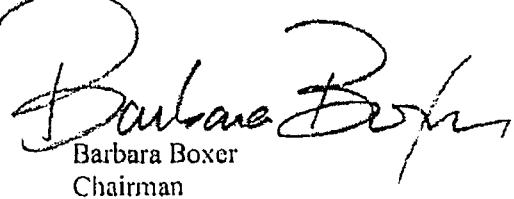
Dear Mr. Sprout:

I appreciate your willingness to testify before the Committee on Environment and Public Works at the October 31st hearing examining the licensing process for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

At the hearing, several questions were raised concerning documents that should be available on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Licensing Support Network. In order to more fully examine issues raised at the hearing concerning the Yucca Mountain repository, I have attached a list of documents related to the Yucca Mountain license application and would like you to provide me with a copy of each of them.

Due to the controversy surrounding this license application, it is essential for DOE to be transparent in the development of its application and to provide information in a timely manner. Please provide the requested documents no later than February 8, 2008. Contact Kathy Dedrick of my committee staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
 Chairman

Please provide copies of the following:

1. DOE's most current "Vulnerability Assessment Database".
2. All documents relating to DOE's proposed Next Generation Performance Assessment.
3. DOE's most current License Application (LA) Risk Register.
4. Final Total Systems Performance Assessment (TSPA) to be submitted in support of the LA.
5. Final Features, Events and Processes Analysis Model Report, or a similar document that justifies exclusion or inclusion of features, events and processes from consideration in the final TSPA-LA.
6. The Probabilistic Volcanic Hazard Analysis - Update, which updates DOE's 1996 PVHA Report.
7. The Final Preclosure Safety Analysis to support the License Application, including DOE's analysis of "event sequences" or "scenarios," "initiating events," and "system responses".
8. Final design of surface facilities planned to be built at Yucca, in particular the final design of surface facilities deemed "important to safety" by DOE.
9. DOE's final seismic analysis for surface facilities, including its Tier 1 analysis and Tier 2 analysis.
10. Final report prepared for DOE, entitled "Long-Term Mechanical Behavior of Yucca Mountain Tuff and Its Variability - Final Technical Report for Task ORD-FY04-02!"
11. The "QARD Rev. 20" which is relied on by DOE in the License Application.
12. The final 2007 report by Sandia regarding the reliability of DOE TDMS documentation, a draft of which was dated March 28, 2007, and is on the LSN.
13. All documentation which DOE intends to provide and rely on in its License Application that has not been made publicly available, which is in response to Key Technical Issue ("KTI") agreements reached with NRC, but which have not been finally closed out by NRC.

In addition, please provide copies of the following documents from the Licensing Support Network that DOE has withheld from public availability on the basis of litigation work-product privilege:

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The Honorable David R. Hill
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Dear Mr. Hill:

This letter is a request for copies of all documents relating to potential conflicts of interest, conflict of interest waivers, and any documents that address or would require recusals from participation in official matters for the following individuals:

- Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary
- Tom D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
- Dennis Spurgeon, Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy

This letter follows a discussion with Janet Beard, the ethics officer in the Office of General Counsel who indicated a written request would be required for this information.

If you have any questions, please contact us, John Sopko, or Richard Miller with Committee staff at (202) 226-2424. Thank you for your timely consideration.

Sincerely,

John D. Dingell
 Chairman

Bart Stupak
 Chairman
 Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
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Ms. Janet Beard, Office of General Counsel
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February 6, 2008

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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We have just learned that the Department of Energy's (DOE) highly touted nonproliferation program, intended to keep Soviet-era scientists from migrating to rogue states following the collapse of the Soviet Union, has been funding Russian research institutes working on nuclear projects in Iran. In 2006, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Congress that the United States faces "no greater challenge from a single country" than from Iran. In October 2007, the National Intelligence Estimate concluded, "Iranian entities are continuing to develop a range of technical capabilities that could be applied to producing nuclear weapons, if a decision is made to do so."

Given these dire warnings, it is troubling that DOE would subsidize or otherwise support Russian institutes providing technology and services to the Iranian nuclear program. The Committee therefore requests that the Department quantify the number of Russian institutes that are supporting Iran's nuclear program, and explain why U.S. taxpayers should continue to subsidize Russian nuclear institutes that are working on Iran's nuclear program.

On January 23, 2008, the Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (IPP) program, whose stated goal is to prevent underemployed or unemployed weapons of mass destruction (WMD) scientists from selling their knowledge to terrorist groups or countries of concern. The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is currently funding more than 100 projects at institutes in Russia and other former Soviet Union (FSU) countries.

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At the January 23, 2008, hearing, Adam Scheinman, the Assistant Deputy Administrator for the NNSA's Office of Nonproliferation and International Security, was asked whether any of the institutes funded by the IPP program were also working on Iran's nuclear program. Mr. Scheinman testified that he was "not aware" of any DOE-funded institutes that also worked on nuclear "fuel transfer" at the Buhsher nuclear project in Iran. He added, "I would have to go back and see whether our work involves any of the institutes involved in the fuel transfer, the reactor."

The Committee on Energy and Commerce was provided with Russian-origin documents that describe the activities of two IPP-funded institutes that are involved with Iran's nuclear program—the Scientific Research Institute of Measuring Systems (NIIS) and the Federal Scientific and Industrial Center of Nuclear Machine Building (OKBM)—both of which are in Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia. We requested that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) provide the Committee with the documents related to Buhsher, which they had obtained from officials when visiting Russian institutes.

One PowerPoint presentation by NIIS describes their work on automated nuclear reactor control systems for Buhsher and other plants. NIIS has \$2.65 million in IPP projects related to mapping of geologic structures. A PowerPoint presentation by OKBM, which has built seven heavy-water reactors, describes work at the Buhsher reactor installing hundreds of circulation pumps and ventilation equipment. DOE has approved a 3-year, \$1.037 million jointly funded project to develop submersible pumps for integral water reactors as part of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP), and a second project worth \$1.1 million on radioactive medical waste management funded by the IPP program.

DOE's funding of Russian institutes working on the Buhsher reactor in Iran is questionable policy, because this activity enables the transfer of dual-use technologies, training, and the potential for "latent proliferation" emerging from a civilian nuclear program. Even a country in good standing under the Nonproliferation Treaty and subject to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards is able, under the cover of a civilian nuclear program, to move to the edge of nuclear weapons capability, and be situated only months away from nuclear weapons production once such a decision were made. That is the essence of a latent proliferation risk.

Beyond Buhsher, other concerns persist. Iran declared it would continue to build a uranium enrichment operation, even though Russia has shipped enriched uranium fuel to operate the Buhsher reactor. Iran is finalizing construction on a heavy water reactor at Arak, which can eventually provide a source of plutonium.

The revelations in these Russian documents raise additional questions. How many other Russian institutes funded by DOE are also performing work on the Iranian nuclear program? What kinds of support and materials are they providing and to which facilities? Are any of these

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facilities informally providing support to Iran's nuclear program? How much support has DOE provided to these institutes in the form of overheads and supplemental payments to its scientists?

Given that the United Nations Security Council adopted two resolutions arising out of Iran's failure to cooperate with the IAEA on proliferation issues (Security Council resolutions 1696 (2006) and 1737 (2006)), what policy logic justifies DOE funding Russian institutes which are providing nuclear technology to Iran? How does this advance our non-proliferation goals?

Prior to making funding decisions, has the Office of Nonproliferation and International Security assessed whether DOE-funded institutes in Russia are working on Iran's nuclear program? In light of reports that DOE program staff participated in briefings at Russian institutes where work on the Bushehr nuclear power plant project was discussed, it is troubling that the Department's program leadership testified that they were "not aware".

Under Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations are investigating DOE's nonproliferation programs. The Committee requests the following documents relating to the Initiatives for Proliferation (IPP) Program:

1.
 - a. A list of all Russian institutes that are or have been funded by the IPP (in whole or in part) since the program inception. Such list should be in a searchable format, and include the years of the project, the project description, and the amount of funding.
 - b. This list should delineate all Russian institutes funded by the IPP which are or have provided materials, equipment, engineering, design, construction, operations support, training, computer hardware or software, or other services to Iran for any aspect of its nuclear program. For each Russian institute, please describe the types of support provided to the Iranian nuclear program.
2. A list of all Russian scientists who are or were funded by the IPP program and worked at institutes involved with the Iranian nuclear program. This list should identify which scientists were simultaneously or subsequently employed on projects relating to the Iranian nuclear program.
3. Any policy or procedures related to assessments of Iran's nuclear program as it relates to approval of IPP program funds.
4. Forms and procedures used by DOE and its participating labs and institutes to verify that no funds are spent on scientists or institutes involved with nuclear weapons programs, as required by Section 3136(a) of the fiscal year 2000 Defense Authorization Act.

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5. A current list of all DOE-funded projects planned or underway in Russia or other FSU countries related to CNEP, with the program's funding source clearly identified.
6. A public version of the Transmittal and the Report of the United States and the Russian Federation Joint Working Group on the Development of a Bilateral Action Plan to Enhance Global and Bilateral Nuclear Energy Cooperation, dated December 15, 2006, with attachments.

Please produce such documents in paper or electronic form as requested above to the Committee within 14 days of receipt of this letter.

The Committee also requests a response to the following questions:

1. Does DOE policy allow U.S. funding of scientists at Russian institutes when these institutes are also working on projects related to the Iranian nuclear program?
2. Please explain how non-proliferation goals are advanced through the support of scientists and/or institutes that are working on nuclear projects with a country of proliferation concern.
3. Does DOE have an existing assessment or survey of which Russian institutes are working on Iranian nuclear program projects? If so, what is the date of this survey? Please provide the names of the individuals who prepared this document.
4. Has DOE assessed whether work performed for Iran at IPP-supported institutes is purely for peaceful purposes, and that materials, technology, and engineering are fully safeguarded? Please provide the names of the individuals who have or currently conduct this assessment.
5. How does DOE ensure that no U.S. funds are being used to support institutes or scientists performing work on nuclear weapons programs for countries of proliferation concern, as proscribed by Section 3136(a) of the FY2000 Defense Authorization Act?
6. Please explain how DOE has verified that the engineering, design, training, and technologies being provided to Iran are not fungible, and do not have the potential for latent proliferation or dual use in other Iranian nuclear programs? Please provide the names of the individuals who perform these assessments.

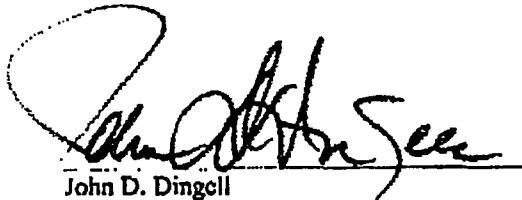
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7. Does DOE have a list of countries of proliferation concern as required in Section 3136(a) of the FY2000 Defense Authorization Act? Please provide this list.

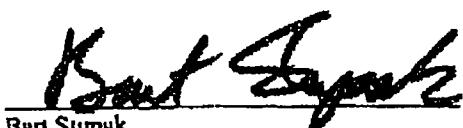
Please provide answers to these questions within 7 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact us or have your staff contact John Supko or Richard Miller with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 6, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It has come to my attention that the Department of Energy, and particularly the Office of the General Counsel, has been less than cooperative with the State of Arizona in accomplishing the Western Transmission Project. This Project has been jointly developed by the Western Area Power Administration ("Western") of the U.S. Department of Energy and the State of Arizona acting through its agency, the Arizona Power Authority. The Arizona Power Authority is empowered by its Arizona enabling legislation to undertake the Western Transmission Project. This Project consists of the purchase and assignment of transmission capacity on the southern portion of the Pacific Northwest-Pacific Southwest Intertie and the Parker-Davis Transmission Systems of the U.S. Department of Energy in the southwestern region of the country.

The Project will provide significant benefits for electric consumers in Arizona and elsewhere including:

- Reduction in costs of transmission of electrical energy on the Transmission Systems mentioned above resulting in present value cost savings of over \$50 million for Western customers and ultimately electric consumers in Arizona, Nevada and Southern California.
- Repayment to the U.S. Treasury of over \$360 million of the debt associated with these Transmission Systems, which, in effect, transfers financial responsibility for payment of capital costs of these Transmission Systems to Western's customers using the transmission service.
- Complying with the State of Arizona's statutory mandate of promoting low cost energy while maintaining reliability and cost competitiveness of the electric systems.
- Providing these benefits under Western's Open Access Transmission Tariff in furtherance of its objectives and policies of providing affordable and reliable electric service.

It is troubling that this worthwhile undertaking of the State of Arizona has apparently met with a lack of cooperation and even resistance from your office.

Following the development of the contracts for the Project by Western and the Arizona Power Authority, Western held customer meetings in which the Project received the support of Western customers. Western then participated with the Arizona Power Authority in required public hearings in Arizona, in

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which the Project received preliminary approval from the Arizona State Certification Board, chaired by the Governor. The Arizona Power Authority and Western then met with bond investors, bond insurance companies, and national rating agencies in New York City, after which the Arizona Power Authority bonds to be issued to finance the Project were granted high grade credit ratings from both Moody's Investor Service and Standard & Poor's.

However, as the Arizona Power Authority prepared to enter the capital markets to obtain funding for the Project in August 2006, it was informed that the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Energy had legal concerns with the proposed contractual arrangements for the Project. Following a meeting with the General Counsel and certain of his staff in November 2006, the Arizona Power Authority submitted legal memoranda to the General Counsel addressing what it understood to be his concerns.

It is my understanding that beginning in early 2007, requests have been made to your Office for a meeting to review the Western Transmission Project and address any remaining issues so that Western and the State of Arizona could move forward with the Project. In particular, on April 27, 2007, the Chairman of the Arizona Power Authority, John I. Hudson, in a letter to you outlining the benefits of the Project for electric rate payers in Arizona and elsewhere, requested a meeting with you and your staff in order to accomplish the Project and achieve these benefits. I understand that these requests were handed to the General Counsel of the Department of Energy. I am told the response by the General Counsel failed to specify what aspects of the Project he found questionable. This letter also stated that his office had advised the Arizona Power Authority as to a transaction that would pass "legal muster." I am told by the Arizona Power Authority that it is not aware of that advice and that it still awaits a clear identification by the General Counsel as to its legal concerns and an opportunity to address those concerns.

I am hopeful that you will personally review this Project as there are many in Arizona who believe it could prove beneficial in countering the current increases in energy costs and provide for repayment of the Federal debt associated with these Transmission Systems.

I have enjoyed working with you over the past several years and appreciate your service to our nation.

Sincerely,



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April 2, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Subcommittee is interested in learning how the Department came to so abruptly change direction on how to proceed with the FutureGen project. In fact, it looks as if the project has been fundamentally abandoned in favor of a new, unauthorized approach for which no money has been appropriated.

The program was announced as a major initiative of the Administration and your Department has supported the program for the past five years. As recently as November 30, 2007, you assured interested parties that the Department was moving forward expeditiously with this project and on track to make a final decision about the site for the facility by the end of the year. So it was with some confusion that we learned at the end of January of your decision to terminate the Department's participation in this project.

Because of the Committee's jurisdiction over all non-military research and development and our specific concerns about the implications of the decision to abandon the FutureGen program on the achievement of our goal to develop and deploy carbon capture and sequestration technologies, we desire to review this decision.

Under the authority assigned the Committee in House Rules X and XI, I ask that you produce to the Subcommittee complete records (see attachment) of all materials relating to FutureGen that were prepared for you or involved your review or participation. These include e-mails, briefing memoranda, decision memoranda, notes for letters, phone calls or other communications of whatever form, draft correspondence, final correspondence, and all other materials, of whatever description, relating to FutureGen and involving your office from November 1, 2007 until the present.

Please provide these materials no later than COB on Friday, April 11, 2008. You may contact Dr. Jean Fruci (202-225-6375), staff director, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, or Dr. Dan Pearson (202-225-6375), Committee staff, to arrange for the delivery of these materials or if you have any questions. Please provide two copies of these materials (one for the Majority and one for the Minority). The materials for the Majority should be delivered to Rayburn 2319. The materials for the Minority should be delivered to Ford 394.

Sincerely,



NICK LAMPSON
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Environment

Attachment

Cc: The Honorable Bob Inglis
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Environment

ATTACHMENT

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20520

April 15, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

As you may know, the Department of Energy's Inspector General recently completed a review of alleged conflicts of interest involving the Department's legal services contractor for the Yucca Mountain Project. We write today to request that you recuse this law firm – Morgan Lewis & Bockius (Morgan Lewis) – from any additional work related to the Yucca Mountain project.

In the Inspector General's report on this investigation, he noted that by selecting a law firm "which represented utilities in spent nuclear fuel litigation against the Government," the Department "accepted a firm with a conflict of interest." It is our view that the Department of Energy made a mistake in waiving this conflict of interest, and in so doing did not serve the public interest. While the Inspector General acknowledged that the Department 'checked the boxes' in its procurement and did not break any laws, he also explained that DOE failed to provide adequate documentation of its decision to hire Morgan Lewis.

The Department set aside the Competition in Contracting Act to give Morgan Lewis this contract, potentially worth over \$100 million, in a closed no-bid process that only involved two other law firms. With inadequate explanation, the Department reversed its policy of excluding from consideration any law firm that represents utilities in spent nuclear fuel litigation. In 1999, the Department's policy was that it "cannot afford a public perception that its licensing decisions regarding the repository were influenced by a firm that owes loyalties to the nuclear utilities." However last year, the Department hired Morgan Lewis – a law firm with at least a dozen lawsuits against DOE involving spent nuclear fuel acceptance issues – to help prepare its license application for Yucca Mountain. The Department might have checked the boxes in hiring Morgan Lewis, but it is clear that the public interest was disregarded to hire a law firm favored by the nuclear energy industry.

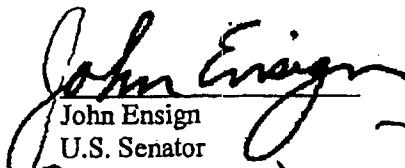
The Department of Energy does not serve a specific industry, it serves the country and the American public. It is utterly disingenuous for the Department to claim that there are no other law firms with extensive experience in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulatory process that do not have a conflict of interest. For that reason, we request you to immediately terminate the Department's contract with Morgan Lewis, and begin a competitive procurement process if the firm's replacement is deemed necessary to comply with current law.

Should you have any questions, please contact Dayle Cristinzio/Alex McDonough (Senator Reid, 202-224-3542), Pam Thiessen (Senator Ensign, 202-224-6244), David Cherry (Congresswoman Berkley, 202-225-5965), Shannon Meade (Congressman Porter, 202-225-3252), or Greg Facchiano (Congressman Heller, 202-225-6155). We appreciate your attention to this matter.

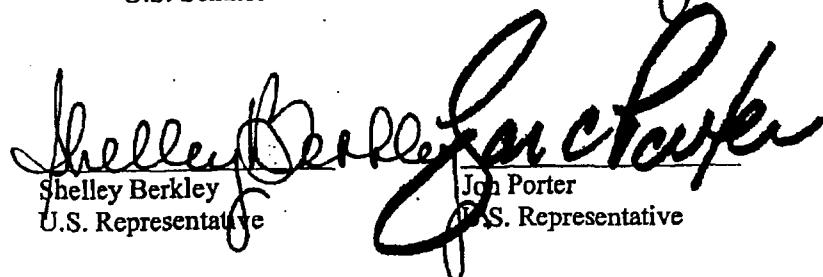
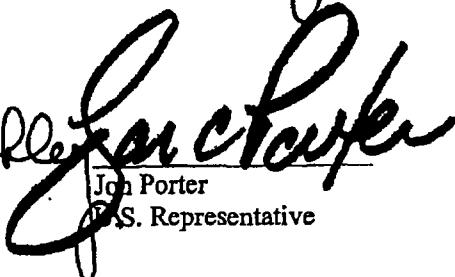
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April 17, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

On April 2, 2008, Subcommittee Chairman Lampson wrote to you requesting all of the Department's records relating to Secretarial participation in the decision to terminate the FutureGen project. As you know, the Committee on Science and Technology is the authorizing Committee in the House of Representatives with jurisdiction over the fossil energy research funds used to support the FutureGen initiative. Your decision to cancel that program came without any consultation with this Committee. The further decision to reorient the program—keeping the same title—has also come without consultation of the Committee. You appear to be moving very quickly to potentially commit hundreds of millions of dollars without benefit of meaningful discussion with this Committee. Our interest in what the Department has done with the FutureGen program, and where it is being lead, is obvious, real and pressing.

In response to Mr. Lampson's request, the Department delivered some 400 pages of documents, some of which appear to be redundant, but withheld "a number of responsive documents that, while associated with some Secretarial involvement also implicate executive branch prerogatives." Your staff offered to work with the Subcommittee to "accommodate the Subcommittee's legislative needs in a manner that respects the interests of both the executive and legislative branches." (All quotes from a letter to Chairman Lampson from Eric J. Fygi, Department of Energy deputy general counsel, April 11, 2008.)

As I am sure you know, this language does not represent a claim of executive privilege, which is often used as a basis for withholding documents from Congress. It appears to be an invention of convenience designed to forestall providing documents essential to the Committee's legislative and oversight responsibilities. However, in an effort to be accommodating and work with the Department, Committee staff requested by phone on April 14 that the Subcommittee receive an index of all of the documents that had been withheld prior to today's hearing.

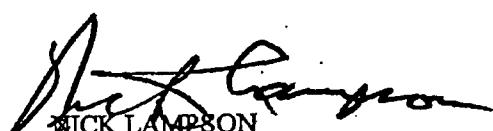
Even though such a list is required under the Freedom of Information Act for citizen requesters of government documents, your staff informed the Committee that it would not provide such a list to the Congress. Ours was not an unusual request. In the past, the Committee has received similar lists from the Department as part of the discussion over access to documents, and it is a common step in any effort to reach accommodation in the face of claims of privilege. During his appearance on April 15, 2008 before the Subcommittee, Undersecretary Albright seemed to agree that producing an index would be a reasonable thing to do. It is our understanding that in the wake of that appearance, your staff is working to produce some more materials that had been withheld, but those materials have not yet arrived, nor does it appear that all materials were to be provided.

Therefore, by this letter, we are requesting that either all responsive documents or an index of the documents withheld, in sufficient detail to allow Members to understand the nature of the materials being withheld and the alleged privilege attached to each document, be produced to the Committee by 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 2008 in the Committee's offices in 2321 Rayburn House Office Building. If the Department fails to produce the documents, we further ask that your staff arrange to meet with Committee staff to discuss any further accommodations to meet the legislative, oversight and investigative responsibilities of the Committee. Please contact Edith Holleman of the Majority Committee staff at 202-225-8459 and Tom Hammond of the Minority Committee staff at 202-226-2177 to arrange for this meeting, which we expect will occur no later than April 24, 2008.

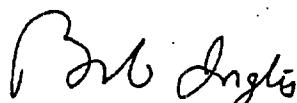
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The Honorable David R. Hill
General Counsel
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Hill:

This letter is a request for copies of all records relating to any ethics or conflicts of interest issues in connection with the nomination of Dennis Spurgeon, the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Nuclear Energy, of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

This request follows Mr. Spurgeon's recent testimony at an April 3, 2008, hearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations entitled, "Selling the Department of Energy's Depleted Uranium Stockpile: Opportunities and Challenges." At this hearing, Mr. Spurgeon testified under oath about the \$5.7 million in severance payments he received after a brief tenure of approximately 2 years with the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), and his opinion that he was under no legal or ethical obligation to recuse himself from dealings with his prior employer and colleagues. In doing so, he referenced his April 6, 2006, recusal statement, which contains no restrictions as a Federal employee on his dealings with USEC.

Questions were raised about his non-recusal because of documents uncovered by the Committee's investigation show that in October 2006 Mr. Spurgeon repeatedly pressed other DOE officials to give serious attention to a \$9.5 billion sole source contract proposal submitted by USEC, in combination with Energy Solutions. Given his past advocacy for USEC's interests within DOE, questions were also raised at the hearing about whether it was appropriate for Mr. Spurgeon to participate in decisions that could directly benefit USEC, such as the decision whether to auction depleted uranium or award USEC a sole source contract to re-enrich DOE's depleted uranium. Further questions were posed by the Subcommittee about whether his involvement with the terms of a sole source contract could benefit USEC's executives with whom Mr. Spurgeon previously worked.

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In response, Mr. Spurgeon stated, “[M]y former employment and any restrictions on what I can do was thoroughly vetted at the time prior to my nomination.”

Accordingly, the Committee requests DOE evaluations or opinions about Mr. Spurgeon's impartiality. We note that he received a tenure-adjusted separation package of \$2.3 million/year of service which, as the attached chart indicates, is larger than all other senior executive severance payments made by USEC over the past 10 years, and dwarfs the rate of severance for other USEC executives in similar positions.

Under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, please provide the following information within 10 days of receipt of this letter:

1. All correspondence in connection with the nomination of Mr. Spurgeon.
2. Legal opinions or memoranda pertaining to or otherwise supporting the Recusal Statement signed by Mr. Spurgeon on April 6, 2006.
3. Ethics reviews regarding Mr. Spurgeon's involvement with matters pertaining to former employers including, but not limited to, USEC, Inc.
4. Assessments of whether USEC's \$5.7 million payment to Mr. Spurgeon was disproportionately large, and whether this is relevant to analyzing his recusal statement and ensuring there is no potential for this lavish payment to affect his impartiality or the appearance of impartiality.
5. Mr. Spurgeon's financial disclosure statements.
6. All documents, letters, memoranda, e-mails, and communications exchanged between the Department, the White House, Mr. Spurgeon, and/or USEC, Inc., pertaining to his employment at USEC.

This letter follows a discussion with Susan F. Beard, Ethics Officer in the Office of General Counsel, who indicated a written request would be required for this information.

If you need further information, please contact John Sopko or Richard Miller with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424.

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Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Susan F. Beard, Ethics Officer, Office of General Counsel
United States Department of Energy

USEC Executive Severence Payments (1998-2008)

| Name | Title | Dates Employed | Severance | Years Employed | Severance in \$/year |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Dennis R. Spurgeon | Exec. VP and COO | 6/4/01 - 11/30/03 | \$5,729,770 | 2.5 | \$2,291,908 |
| William H. Timbers, Jr. | CEO 1994-2004 | 1994 - 12/04 | \$14,800,000 | 10.0 | \$1,480,000 |
| Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty | Exec VP & COO | 12/15/03 - 9/30/05 | \$1,168,336 | 1.8 | \$643,520 |
| Timothy B. Hansen | Senior VP | 8/2/02 - 12/1/04 | \$1,215,648 | 2.3 | \$521,737 |
| Henry Z Shelton, Jr. | VP & CFO | 1993 - 12/9/03 | \$3,334,317 | 10.0 | \$333,432 |
| James F. McDonald | VP and Chief Information and Security Officer | 06/04 - 9/23/05 | \$376,411 | 1.3 | \$301,129 |
| Timothy B. Hansen | General Counsel/ Senior VP | 1994 - 12/1/04 | \$1,215,648 | 10.0 | \$121,565 |
| Sydney M. Ferguson | Senior VP | 4/02 - 9/24/04 | \$100,000 | 2.4 | \$41,667 |
| Charles B. Yulish | VP Corporate Communications | 1995 - 9/23/05 | \$345,633 | 10.0 | \$34,563 |

Source: SEC def 14A Proxy Statements 1998-2006 (for Spurgeon, Hansen, Shelton, Gordon Hagerty); SEC 2005 10-K filings (for Timbers- amount constitutes arbitration settlement and includes \$300,000 in loan forgiveness); SEC Sept. 21, 2004 8-K filings (for Ferguson); SEC Sept. 7, 2005 8-K filings (for Yulish and McDonald)

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May 7, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

On April 2, 2008, Chairman Nick Lampson of the House Committee on Science and Technology's Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment wrote and requested all documents in the Department of Energy's (DOE) possession relating to DOE's decision to essentially terminate the FutureGen project.¹ In a response dated April 11, 2008, DOE refused to produce responsive documents based upon an unprecedented and undefined claim of "executive prerogative."²

In the April 11 letter, DOE offered to work with the Energy and Environment Subcommittee to "accommodate the Subcommittee's legislative needs in a manner that respects the interests of both the executive and legislative branches."³ Additionally, at the Committee's April 15 hearing titled, *The Department of Energy's FutureGen Program*, C.H. "Bud" Albright, DOE's Undersecretary for Energy, promised the Committee that DOE would work with the Subcommittee to produce these documents. He stated that the Department would "specifically" identify which documents it was withholding and provide a justification for this withholding.⁴ Mr. Albright also unequivocally promised to share the Department's strategic plan for the future of the project.⁵

Following the hearing, Chairmen Gordon and Lampson, and Congressman Bob Inglis, Ranking Member on the Energy and Environment Subcommittee, wrote and requested all remaining responsive documents or the promised index of the documents by April 22. The Congressmen further requested a briefing for Committee staff to discuss any further "accommodation." To date, DOE has not produced either the documents or the index. Instead, the Department sent Eric Fygi, DOE's Deputy General Counsel, and Alicia deForest, a DOE attorney, to brief Committee staff.

¹ Letter from Chairman Lampson to Secretary Bodman, April 2, 2008.

² Letter from Eric J. Fygi, DOE Deputy General Counsel, April 11, 2008.

³ *Id.*

⁴ Unofficial transcript of April 15, 2008, hearing, at 25-26.

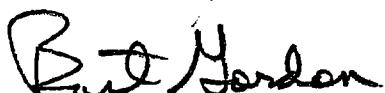
⁵ *Id.* at 29-31.

At the briefing, Mr. Fygi stated that there was no more than a single box of remaining, undisclosed documents. He indicated that DOE would not claim a privilege for some of the remaining documents, nor would DOE provide a timeframe for their disclosure. He also refused to identify a basis for withholding additional documents.

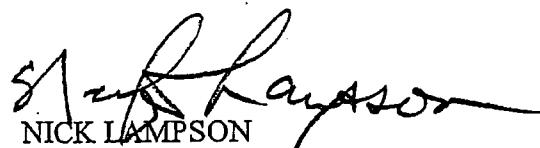
As the authorizing Committee with jurisdiction over fossil energy research funds, the requested FutureGen documents fall squarely within the Committee's jurisdiction. The Committee will not consider anything short of full production to be adequate "accommodation." Therefore, by this letter, we once again request that DOE provide all responsive documents, including those related to the New FutureGen Program Plan completed in January, 2008. It has been over a month since the Committee's initial request for documents. DOE can no longer claim that the timeframe for production is too short. The documents should be provided to the Committee's office at 2321 Rayburn House Office Building by 5 PM on May 12, 2008.

If your staff has any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Edith Holleman (202-225-8459), Investigative Counsel, Committee on Science and Technology, or Tom Hammond, Minority Professional Staff, Committee on Science and Technology (202-226-2177).

Sincerely,



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July 3, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Committee is investigating the involvement of the U.S. government in no-bid contracts that Iraq is reported to be awarding to major multinational oil companies.

To assist with this investigation, I request that the Department produce to the Committee all Energy Department documents relating to the drafting, negotiation, or signing of the recent oil development contracts with the Iraqi Ministry of Oil. In addition, I am requesting all relevant information on the background and experience of government advisors and private-sector consultants working with the Iraqi Ministry of Oil to develop these contracts.

I ask that you produce the documents and information no later than Friday, July 18, 2008. I further request that the Department notify Committee staff no later than Friday, July 11, 2008, if the Department will not be able to comply with this deadline for any reason.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. An attachment to this letter provides additional information on how to respond to the committee's request.

If you have any questions, please contact me or ask your staff to contact Theodore Chuang or Christopher Davis of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5420.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman
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Enclosures

cc: Tom Davis
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Responding to Oversight Committee Document Requests

In responding to the document request from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, please apply the instructions and definitions set forth below.

Instructions

1. In complying with the request, you should produce all responsive documents in your possession, custody, or control.
2. Documents responsive to the request should not be destroyed, modified, removed, transferred, or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee.
3. In the event that any entity, organization, or individual denoted in the request has been, or is currently, known by any other name than that herein denoted, the request should be read also to include them under that alternative identification.
4. Each document produced should be produced in a form that renders the document capable of being copied.
5. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph or clause in the Committee's request to which the documents respond.
6. Documents produced in response to this request should be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers, or identifying markers with which they were associated when this request was issued. To the extent that documents were not stored with file labels, dividers, or identifying markers, they should be organized into separate folders by subject matter prior to production.
7. Each folder and box should be numbered, and a description of the contents of each folder and box, including the paragraph or clause of the request to which the documents are responsive, should be provided in an accompanying index.
8. It is not a proper basis to refuse to produce a document that any other person or entity also possesses a nonidentical or identical copy of the same document.

9. If any of the requested information is available in machine-readable or electronic form (such as on a computer server, hard drive, CD, DVD, memory stick, or computer backup tape), you should consult with Committee staff to determine the appropriate format in which to produce the information.
10. The Committee accepts electronic documents in lieu of paper productions. Documents produced in electronic format should be organized, identified, and indexed electronically in a manner comparable to the organizational structure called for in (6) and (7) above. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - (a) The production should consist of single page TIF files accompanied by a Concordance-format load file, an Opticon reference file, and a file defining the fields and character lengths of the load file.
 - (b) Document numbers in the load file should match document Bates Numbers and TIF file names.
 - (c) If the production is completed through a series of multiple partial productions, field names and file order in all load files should match.
11. In the event that a responsive document is withheld on any basis, you should provide the following information concerning the document: (a) the reason the document is not being produced; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author, and addressee; and (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other.
12. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, you should identify the document (stating its date, author, subject, and recipients) and explain the circumstances by which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control.
13. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, you should produce all documents which would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.
14. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly discovered document. Any document not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date should be produced immediately upon location or discovery subsequent thereto.
15. All documents should be bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially. In the cover letter, you should include a total page count for the entire production, including both hard copy and electronic documents.

16. Two sets of documents should be delivered, one set to the majority staff and one set to the minority staff. The majority set should be delivered to the majority staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building, and the minority set should be delivered to the minority staff in Room B350A in the Rayburn House Office Building. You should consult with committee staff regarding the method of delivery prior to sending any materials.
17. Upon completion of the document production, you should submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control which reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee or identified in a privilege log provided to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term "document" means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, interoffice and intra-office communications, electronic mail (email), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone calls, meetings or other communications, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto). The term also means any graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, voice mails, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), electronic and mechanical records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, computer server files, computer hard drive files, CDs, DVDs, memory sticks, and recordings), and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk videotape or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
2. The term "documents in your possession, custody, or control" means (a) documents that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, or representatives acting on your behalf; (b) documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy, or to which you have access and (c) documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party.
3. The term "communication" means each manner of means of disclosure or exchange of information, regardless of means utilized, where oral, electronic by document or otherwise, and whether fact-to-face, in a meeting, by telephone, mail, telexes, discussions, releases, personal delivery, or otherwise.
4. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of the request any information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders.
5. The terms "person" or "persons" means natural persons, firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, subsidiaries, division, departments, joint ventures,

proprietorships, syndicates, or other legal, business or government entities, and all subsidiaries, affiliates, divisions, departments, branches, and other units thereof.

6. The terms "referring" or "relating," with respect to any given subject, means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, reflects, identifies, states, refers to, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject.

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

On April 15, 2008, we sent you a letter requesting that the Department of Energy recuse the law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius (Morgan Lewis) from performing legal services related to the Yucca Mountain project. In light of new information – that the Department exceeded its authority in waiving Morgan Lewis's conflicts of interest – we again request that you recuse Morgan Lewis from working on the Yucca Mountain license application.

As you may be aware, the Justice Department recently sent the enclosed letter to the DOE's Inspector General, stating that the Department never "consulted with or even notified the Department of Justice before entering into an agreement that involved significant conflicts of interest affecting the United States... or executing the purported conflicts waiver." Furthermore, the letter explains that "the Department of Justice, not DOE, possesses plenary authority over matters in Federal court litigation, and DOE could not waive objections by the Department of Justice regarding Morgan Lewis's conflicts."

The Justice Department's opinion is clear and unequivocal. The Department of Energy had no authority to waive Morgan Lewis's conflicts of interest with respect to its representation of nuclear utilities in spent nuclear fuel litigation. Permitting Morgan Lewis to continue representing the DOE on the Yucca Mountain license application would challenge the DOJ's authority over matters that are solely under its jurisdiction. Worse, it would demonstrate to the American public that the DOE is willing to use any means necessary to build a repository at Yucca Mountain, including running roughshod over the rights of Nevadans and trampling the authority of the Department of Justice.

While the Department of Energy never responded to our first request, we are hopeful that you take this second request for recusal of Morgan Lewis much more seriously. Thank you for addressing our concerns.

Sincerely,



Harry Reid
U.S. Senator

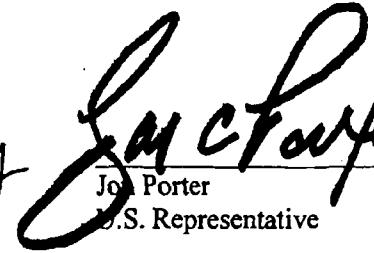


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June 16, 2008

Gregory H. Friedman
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General (IG-1)
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Friedman:

This letter is in response to a report that your office recently issued, DOE/IG-0792, entitled "Review Of Alleged Conflicts Of Interest Involving A Legal Services Contractor For The Yucca Mountain Project License Application" (April 2008). We are concerned that your report has made an assumption about the Department of Energy's authority over matters that are in litigation which is unfounded.

The report summarized your office's review of a contract into which the Department of Energy (DOE) has entered with a law firm, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (Morgan Lewis). We understand that, through this contract, Morgan Lewis will provide DOE with legal services relating to DOE's preparation of a licensing application to, and subsequent adjudication before, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in connection with the construction of a repository for the disposal of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) and/or high-level radioactive waste (HLW) at Yucca Mountain.

As your report indicates, Morgan Lewis also represents several nuclear utilities that are suing the United States in the Court of Federal Claims for breaches of contract by DOE of the Standard Contract For Disposal Of Spent Nuclear Fuel And/Or High-Level Radioactive Waste (Standard Contract). Positions that Morgan Lewis has taken or will take in support of its SNF cases to the Court of Federal Claims may directly conflict with Morgan Lewis's representation of DOE in matters relating to the licensing of Yucca Mountain. Specifically, Morgan Lewis has argued before the Court of Federal Claims that its clients are entitled to damages because of DOE's continuing delay in licensing and opening a Federal repository at Yucca Mountain. Under its new contract with DOE, Morgan Lewis's work may affect the date on which that repository may open in the future, if at all, potentially providing Morgan Lewis with the ability to affect the amount of damages that its clients in the SNF cases will incur.

Mr. Gregory H. Friedman
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Despite this conflict of interest, DOE purported to consent to Morgan Lewis's representation of DOE, and DOE executed a purported waiver of any conflict of interest pursuant to Rule 1.7(c) of the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct. Yet, neither DOE nor Morgan Lewis consulted with or even notified the Department of Justice before entering into an agreement that involved significant conflicts of interest affecting the United States (and its litigation with utilities represented by Morgan Lewis) or executing the purported conflicts waiver. Further, as far as we are aware, no one from the Inspector General's office contacted the Department of Justice to solicit its views regarding these conflicts before issuing your report.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 516, the Department of Justice, not DOE, possesses plenary authority over matters in Federal court litigation, and DOE could not waive objections by the Department of Justice regarding Morgan Lewis's conflicts. Further, the damages for DOE's partial breach of the Standard Contract are being paid not by DOE but by the Judgment Fund administered by the Department of the Treasury. Thus, the interests of the Judgment Fund and Treasury with regard to any conflict waiver by the United States are critical.

By separate letter, and in accordance with our obligations under Rules 1.1 and 1.3 of the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct to protect the integrity of proceedings before Federal courts, and after consulting with experts regarding ethics issues within the Department of Justice, we have requested that Morgan Lewis provide us with an explanation of the reasons that the safeguards it has implemented adequately protect against the conflicts of interest that its contract with DOE presents. We have attached a copy of that letter here for your consideration.

If you have any questions regarding these matters or would like to arrange for a mutually convenient time to discuss them, please contact me at (202) 514-7300 or Harold D. Lester, Jr., of my office at (202) 616-0478.

Very truly yours,


JEANNE E. DAVIDSON
Director
Commercial Litigation Branch

Attachment

BART GORDON, TENNESSEE
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July 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Since April of this year, the Committee on Science and Technology has been attempting to determine the basis for your decision to terminate the Department's participation in the FutureGen project as previously agreed to through a cooperative agreement with the FutureGen Industrial Alliance. The agreement was initially signed on January 31, 2007, and amended on March 23 and May 15, 2008. The public announcement of the change in FutureGen was made on Jan. 30, 2008.

Since our initial request for materials, it has become clear that the Department began its decision-making process to withdraw from its commitment to the Alliance project at least as early as April of 2007 when it began to develop a new strategy. Therefore, by this letter, we request that the Department provide the following materials:

1. All records, as defined in the Attachment, since January 1, 2007 relating to the decision to enter into or renegotiate a partnership with the FutureGen Industrial Alliance for the FutureGen project. Please limit this search to the records of Secretary Samuel Bodman, former Deputy Secretary Clay Sell, Undersecretary Bud Albright, Mr. James Slutz, Mr. Scott Klara, Mr. Ed Simpson, Mr. Jarad Daniels, Mr. Jeff Kupfer, Mr. Raj Luhar and Mr. Adam Ingols.
2. All records since January 1, 2007 relating to developing a restructured FutureGen program, which internal DOE communications sometimes refer to as "Plan B". Please limit this search to the records of Secretary Samuel Bodman, former Deputy Secretary Clay Sell, Undersecretary Bud Albright, Mr. James Slutz, Mr. Scott Klara, Mr. Ed Simpson, Mr. Jarad Daniels, Mr. Jeff Kupfer, Mr. Raj Luhar and Mr. Adam Ingols.

3. All records relating to the Office of Fossil Energy's analysis of or reports on "Plan B" or any comparisons of "Plan B" with the FutureGen Project agreed to in the cooperative agreement between DOE and the FutureGen Industrial Alliance. These records should include any draft or final analysis on the impact of "Plan B" on full commercial deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, the costs of "Plan B" or the impact of "Plan B" on global climate change mitigation. We are particularly intent on receiving all materials that informed Mr Victor Der's e-mail of December 13, 2007 to Mr. James Slutz, Carl Bauer and Scott Klara. This e-mail was provided to the Committee in a June 20, 2008 document production.
4. All records relating to comparisons of the global climate change implications of the original FutureGen Project to the restructured FutureGen program or "Plan B".
5. All records relating to communications between Secretary Bodman, former Deputy Secretary Clay Sell, Undersecretary Bud Albright or any other Energy Department official and officials of Southern Power Co., AEP or any other utility or energy company concerning FutureGen or a restructured FutureGen program.
6. All records relating to the Department's January 30, 2008 "Request for Information (RFI) on the Department of Energy's Plan to Restructure Futuregen."
7. All unredacted responses to the January 30, 2008, "Request for Information (RFI) on the Department of Energy's Plan to Restructure Futuregen," as referred to in section entitled "Request for Public Comment."
8. All records related to the responses to the January 30, 2008, RFI, including the use of those responses in the development of the Draft Funding Opportunity Announcement issued by DOE on May 7, 2008.
9. All records related to the May 7, 2008, "DRAFT Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeking public comment for the restructured FutureGen Program", DE-PS26-08NT00496.
10. All responses to the May 7, 2008, "DRAFT Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeking public comment for the restructured FutureGen Program", DE-PS26-08NT00496, and their use in the development of the Final Funding Opportunity Announcement issued by DOE on June 24, 2008.
11. All records related to incorporating/responding to responses to the "DRAFT Funding Opportunity Announcement seeking public comment for the restructured FutureGen Program" in the final Funding Opportunity Announcement.

12. All records related to any technical, financial or other evaluations of carbon capture and sequestration/storage technology expected to be utilized in DOE's restructured FutureGen program.
13. All records related to the projected funding requirements for DOE's restructured FutureGen program.
14. All records related to the relationship of the restructured FutureGen program and existing Carbon Capture and Sequestration and Clean Coal Power Initiative efforts.

These documents are to be produced to the Committee's offices in Rm. B-374 of the Rayburn House Office Building by 5 p.m. on Monday August 18, 2008. If your staff has any questions or needs additional information, please contact Dr. Dan Pearson, staff director, Investigations & Oversight Subcommittee, at (202) 225-4494, or Edith Holleman, subcommittee counsel, at (202-225-8459).

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



BART GORDON
Chairman



NICK LAMPSON
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
& Environment



BRAD MILLER
Chairman
Subcommittee on Investigations
& Oversight

Attachment

ATTACHMENT

1. The term "records" is to be construed in the broadest sense and shall mean any written or graphic material, however produced or reproduced, of any kind or description, consisting of the original and any non-identical copy (whether different from the original because of notes made on or attached to such copy or otherwise) and drafts and both sides thereof, whether printed or recorded electronically or magnetically or stored in any type of data bank, including, but not limited to, the following: correspondence, memoranda, records, summaries of personal conversations or interviews, minutes or records of meetings or conferences, opinions or reports of consultants, projections, statistical statements, drafts, contracts, agreements, purchase orders, invoices, confirmations, telegraphs, telexes, agendas, books, notes, pamphlets, periodicals, reports, studies, evaluations, opinions, logs, diaries, desk calendars, appointment books, tape recordings, video recordings, e-mails, voice mails, computer tapes, or other computer stored matter, magnetic tapes, microfilm, microfiche, punch cards, all other records kept by electronic, photographic, or mechanical means, charts, photographs, notebooks, drawings, plans, inter-office communications, intra-office and intra-departmental communications, transcripts, checks and canceled checks, bank statements, ledgers, books, records or statements of accounts, and papers and things similar to any of the foregoing, however denominated.
2. The terms "relating," "relate," or "regarding" as to any given subject means anything that constitutes, contains, embodies, identifies, deals with, or is in any manner whatsoever pertinent to that subject, including but not limited to records concerning the preparation of other records.

Congress of the United States

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
245 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

August 20, 2008

Mt. David Hill
General Counsel
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Hill:

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a critical incubator of innovative technologies and a creator of jobs throughout our nation. In a time of mounting economic pressures, it is initiatives like the SBIR program that can build a bridge to a brighter future. It is for this reason that the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 5819, the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act, earlier this year. This legislation is currently awaiting action in the U.S. Senate.

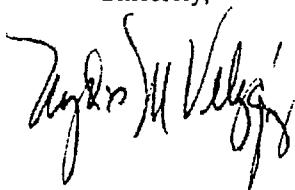
The last time the SBIR program was scheduled to be reauthorized was in fiscal year 2000. Due to a wide range of circumstances, however, this did not occur until December 21, 2000, months after the program's authorization expired on September 30, 2000. This lapse in the program's authorization created confusion at the SBIR agencies and resulted in awards to small businesses being delayed until the reauthorization legislation was signed into law.

The Committee wanted to make certain that this situation would not reoccur this Fall. To accomplish this, Congress passed legislation that became P.L. 110-235 on May 23, 2008. This legislation extends the authorization through March 20, 2009 of any program, authority, or provision of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) or the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 661 et seq.). This clearly includes the SBIR program, which is contained in Section 9 of the Small Business Act, and will allow the program to continue to operate into next year.

Given that government-wide SBIR policy is established by the Small Business Administration and administered by federal agencies, the Committee wanted to ensure that all federal SBIR entities had a clear understanding of P.L. 110-235. In order to provide this clarity regarding the continuation of the SBIR program after September 30, 2008, please provide written confirmation that your agency does in fact view the statutory authority granted in P.L. 110-235 as being sufficient to extend the authorization of the SBIR program through March 20, 2009. If this is not the case, please provide the legal analysis that your agency has completed that demonstrates that the SBIR program would not be extended for this time period. Given the urgency of this matter, please provide the Committee with a written response by COB Friday, September 12, 2008.

Thank you in advance for your assistance on this matter. If you need any additional information pertaining, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Slattery or Adam Minehardt of the Committee staff at 202-225-4038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nydia M. Velázquez".

Nydia M. Velázquez
Chairwoman

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October 31, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Since April of this year, the Committee on Science and Technology has been attempting to determine the basis for your decision to terminate the Department's participation in the FutureGen Project through a cooperative agreement with the FutureGen Industrial Alliance and to obtain additional information on the justification for the "restructured" FutureGen announced in January of 2008.

Obtaining this information has been a long and tortured process littered with numerous excuses from and delays by the Department's general counsel's office. Between April and June of this year, the Department managed to deliver only four inches of documents while claiming many unsubstantiated privileges. On June 26, 2008, the Committee held a meeting to issue a subpoena for four specific documents. Only a last-minute promise from the White House Counsel's Office to release those documents kept the Committee from issuing a subpoena.

Based on those documents, the Committee sent a letter on July 28, 2008, requesting another set of documents to be delivered by August 18, 2008.¹ Unfortunately, the Department reinstated its delaying tactics. To date, some of the documents received have not been responsive to our request, and document text has been redacted for unexplained reasons.² On occasion, the Department has unilaterally determined which files to search, despite the Committee's very specific requests.³ The last response was made over a month ago.⁴

¹ Letter from Reps. Bart Gordon, Brad Miller and Nick Lampson to Secretary Bodman, July 28, 2008 (copy attached).

² In his cover letters of August 18 and September 15, 2008, Eric J. Fygi, DOE's deputy general counsel, informed the Committee that documents provided contained "deliberative, business sensitive (to private industry and the Department), trade secret, or copyright protected information" and "legally privileged" materials and asked that the Committee consult with the Department prior to any release. Letters from Mr. Fygi to Rep. Lampson, Aug. 18, 2008 and Aug. 25, 2008. Nonetheless, the documents contained redactions.

³ For example, in an August 27, 2008, letter, Eric J. Fygi, deputy general counsel, stated that he had limited a document search to the National Energy Technology Laboratory's files, even though the Committee's request made no such limitation. Letter from Mr. Fygi to Rep. Lampson, Sept. 15, 2008.

⁴ *Ibid.*

Committee staff has made e-mail requests since August for updates on the status of the document production which have not been answered.

Earlier this week, Committee staff telephoned the Department's legal staff, and was told that they were going through additional responsive documents, some of which needed to be reviewed by the White House and the Office of Management and Budget, which would result in additional delays.

The documents are now two months overdue. Therefore, by this letter, we are asking that the documents requested in our July 28, 2008 letter be produced by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008, to Room B-374, Rayburn House Office Building.

If this deadline is not met, the Committee will be forced to consider the other options available to it. If your staff has any questions or needs additional information, please have them contact Dan Pearson, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee staff director, at (202) 225-4494 or Edith Holleman, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee counsel, at (202) 225-8459.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



BART GORDON
Chairman



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Subcommittee on Energy and Environment



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1. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter from Senator Robert P. Casey**

Subject: Senator Robert Casey urges President Bush to provide emergency assistance to help local food banks and other programs meet the rising need during the holiday season

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2. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman Vic Snyder**

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January 15, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: INFO AND FILE COPY ONLY/NO ACTION NECESSARY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 742718

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2007

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ROBERT CASEY
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO
HELP LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND OTHER PROGRAMS MEET THE RISING
NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

COMMENTS:

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 10, 2007

The President
The White House.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Hardworking Americans are bracing for a winter storm that has nothing to do with snow and ice. Many working families are just one emergency away from financial disaster. Escalating costs of home heating, gasoline, food, and health care threaten to leave these families hungry and in the cold. In light of these circumstances, I urge you to provide emergency assistance to help local food banks and other programs meet the rising need this holiday season.

This winter, home energy prices are projected to reach record levels, increasing by more than 15 percent over last year. At the same time, the U.S. Department of Energy is predicting higher demand for home heating because the upcoming winter is expected to be colder than the last. The states' energy assistance directors estimate that with this combination of higher prices and higher usage, the average family will pay \$2,157 for home heating oil this winter, \$693 more than last winter.

Meanwhile, family hunger and food insecurity is on the rise. Last year alone, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported that 35.5 million Americans did not have enough money or resources to get food for at least some period during the year. This was an increase of 400,000 over 2005 and an increase of 2.3 million since 2000.

Families in states like Pennsylvania, particularly families with children, increasingly face difficulty meeting the needs to heat their homes and feed their loved ones. This kind of family crisis can have both immediate and longstanding effects. Research shows that babies and toddlers in families struggling to keep up with their home energy needs are more likely to be in poor health, have a higher risk of developmental problems, and have greater food insecurity.

Faced with the choice of eating or heating, many of these families are seeking help from food banks and emergency heating assistance programs. Yet America's food banks are facing critical shortages. Rising demand coupled with sharp drops in federal supplies of excess farm commodities and declining donations have forced food banks to cut back on rations, distribute supplies usually reserved for disaster relief, and in some cases, close their doors because of the lack of federal assistance.

Similarly, rising food costs and limited funding are placing great strain on the Women Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC), threatening service to some of the 8.5 million low-income pregnant and postpartum women and young children who participate in the program.

Under your proposed budget for the fiscal year 2008, more than 500,000 low-income women, infants, and children would lose access to food and nutrition services.

I was proud to join the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee in unanimously approving a 2007 Farm Bill that includes over \$5 billion in additional funds for federal food assistance programs. Passage of this bill will provide extra funding for food banks, increase food assistance to working families with high child care costs, and increase food assistance for low-income seniors. While the full Senate continues to work on this important legislation, we must take steps to immediately address the hunger-relief needs of millions of Americans across this nation.

Compounding matters, states report that they have insufficient resources to meet expected demands for home energy assistance. That is why Congress rejected your funding proposal for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which would have cut the number of households assisted by 1.1 million, from 5.6 million to 4.5 million. Instead, we passed a bill to maintain the LIHEAP block grant at its current level of \$1.98 billion and increase emergency contingency funding by \$250 million to \$431.7 million to meet the expected higher demand in the upcoming winter. Unfortunately, your veto of this bill stopped that relief in its tracks.

America's working men and women, seniors, and children desperately need your immediate help this holiday season. Specifically, I urge you to provide emergency assistance to help local food banks and other programs meet the rising need this winter season. While optimally The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) needs an infusion of \$27 million, I strongly urge you to transfer as much funding as is feasible to shore up America's emergency food supplies throughout the upcoming winter months. I also urge you to approve an appropriation that includes no less than \$5.96 billion to fully fund the WIC program for FY08 and to approve the Farm Bill nutrition funding, including funding for TEFAP and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), when approved by Congress. Finally, I urge that you use your authority to release the remaining \$20 million in the contingency fund for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

As a nation, we must do all we can to bring light to families facing the darkness of hunger and cold during the holidays and throughout the winter. As we count our blessings in this season of hope, let us bring comfort to those who are vulnerable and need our help.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Respectfully,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

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ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

May 6, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am pleased to provide you with a printed copy of the House Armed Services Oversight and Investigations subcommittee report entitled *Deploying Federal Civilians to the Battlefield: Incentives, Benefits, and Medical Care*. As you know from my previous email message, this report summarizes our examination of the support our nation provides civilian personnel who volunteer to serve in Iraq, Afghanistan, or other hostile environments.

I'd appreciate hearing your views on any of the findings and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Vic Snyder
Chairman

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 4, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

From June 20, 1946 to August 18, 1958, the United States carried out its nuclear testing program in the Trust Territory of the Marshall Islands. The testing program resulted in the detonation of 67 nuclear devices.

In 1986, the U.S. and Marshall Island representatives negotiated a Compact of Free Association agreement (Compact) with the trust territory, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). In part, the Compact provided a settlement for RMI residents affected by nuclear testing, but it wisely contained a provision that allowed Congress to reconsider the Compact's compensation levels in response to "changed circumstances," including new information regarding the testing regime or its impact on the Marshall Islands. The Compact thus gives Congress the responsibility for keeping apprised of new information related to the Marshall Islands that may impact the U.S.'s relationship with the RMI and her people.

We are aware that the Department of Energy (DOE) has previously released declassified documentation with respect to our nuclear testing program carried out in the Pacific. As a part of Congress's oversight responsibility, we respectfully request a meeting with the appropriate DOE officials to discuss the release of additional documents related to the Marshall Islands and the U.S.'s nuclear testing activities.

Please contact either Brian Modeste (225-0691) or Sam Simon (225-6190) to arrange a time best to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,


Donna M. Christensen
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs
Member of Congress


Tom Udall
Member of Congress

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*Congressman David
Loebsack
2nd District, Iowa*

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 From: Virginia Coulter, Congressional Staff Caseworker
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There is a report detailing weaknesses in radiation monitoring data for DOE sites which could be used for developing a List of deserving SEC sites. I understand that at Larry Elliot's OCAS office direction, ORAU came up with a comprehensive list of sites that lacked sufficient data For individual DRs that were therefore 83.14 SEC eligible candidates. I would appreciate this report for the Congressman.

Thank you
 Virginia Stratton-Coulter
 Caseworker
 Congressman Dave Loebsack (IA-02)
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1. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Norm Coleman, Ranking Member, Permanent Subcommitteee on Investigation; Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Susan Collins, Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security and Government**

Subject: Ranking Members Norm Coleman and Susan Collins asks DOE to provide a timeline as to when policies will be in place to address the recommendations of OMB Memorandum M-06-16; requests status and/or timeline for compliance with recommendations for memoranda M-05-08, M-06-15, M-06-19, and M-07-16 to protect Personally Identifiable Information

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| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 25-Feb-2008 10:39AM |
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 22, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 7A257
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Administrator Bodman:

The federal government is responsible for maintaining and protecting sensitive Personally Identifiable Information (PII) that Americans are required to provide for a wide array of reasons, including paying taxes, receiving medical and disability benefits, and obtaining retirement compensation. This PII includes names, addresses, Social Security numbers, biometric records, and other data that is linked or linkable to an individual. Identity theft and fraud are national problems that have affected more than 10 million Americans so it is critical the federal government take steps to ensure PII does not fall into the wrong hands.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is responsible for establishing government-wide policies and for providing guidance to agencies on how to implement the provisions of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA), the Privacy Act, and other federal information security and privacy laws. Since February 2005, OMB has issued the following Memoranda related to the protection of PII:

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Report</u> | <u>Title</u> |
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| 1. 02/11/2005 | M-05-08 | Designation of Senior Agency Officials for Privacy |
| 2. 05/22/2006 | M-06-15 | Safeguarding Personally Identifiable Information |
| 3. 06/23/2006 | M-06-16 | Protection of Sensitive Agency Information |
| 4. 07/12/2006 | M-06-19 | Reporting Incidents Involving Personally Identifiable Information and Incorporating the Cost for Security in Agency Information Technology Investments |
| 5. 07/17/2006 | M-06-20 | FY2006 Reporting Instructions for the Federal Information Security Management Act and Agency Privacy Management |
| 6. 05/22/2007 | M-07-16 | Safeguarding Against and Responding to the Breach of Personally Identifiable Information |

Following the May 2006 Department of Veterans Affairs data breach, the GAO conducted an analysis of the 24 major federal agencies' progress in developing policies and documented procedures that respond to guidance from OMB to protect PII that is either accessed remotely or physically transported outside an agency's secured physical perimeter. The GAO focused in particular on agency compliance with Memorandum M-06-16: Protection of Sensitive Agency Information.

This Memorandum directs agencies to: (A) encrypt all data on mobile computers/devices that carry agency data; (B) allow remote access only with two-factor authentication, where one factor is provided by a device separate from the computer gaining access; (C) use a "time-out" function for remote access and mobile devices requiring user re-authentication after 30 minutes of inactivity; (D) log all computer-readable data extracts from databases holding sensitive information and verify that each extract including sensitive data has been erased within 90 days; and (E) use a NIST security checklist, included in the memo, that provides specific actions to be taken by agencies to protect PII that is either accessed remotely or physically transported outside an agency's secured physical perimeter.

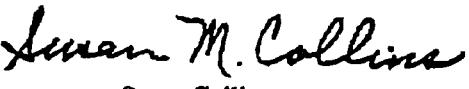
We are writing you today because the GAO indicated the Department of Energy does not have policies in place to address recommendation E listed above. Accordingly, we ask that you provide in writing a timeline for when you expect to have policies in place to address the recommendations of OMB Memorandum M-06-16. Additionally, we ask that you provide in writing the status of your compliance and/or a timeline for compliance with the recommendations in OMB Memoranda M-05-08, M-06-15, M-06-19, M-06-20, and M-07-16.

According to the GAO, the security breaches at agencies throughout the federal government highlight the importance of effective information security controls to protect personally identifiable information. Loss of such information may lead to identity theft or other fraudulent use of the information, resulting in substantial harm, embarrassment, and inconvenience to individuals. As the federal government obtains and processes information about individuals in increasingly diverse ways, it is critically important that it ensure the privacy rights of individuals are respected and that personal information is properly secured and protected.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,


Norm Coleman
Ranking Member
Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
Senate Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs


Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Homeland
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Counterintelligence and Intelligence (IN)

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1. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs Joseph I. Lieberman and Ranking Member Susan M. Collins

Subject: Chairman Joseph Lieberman & Susan Collins request DOE cooperation regarding the Committee's investigation into the threat of nuclear terrorism & the nation's military & civilian agencies ability to detect nuclear weapons & respond to a nuclear detonation in the U.S; asks DOE to work with the Committee staff by providing requested briefings and information

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| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 25-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 26-Feb-2008 9:23AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |

2. Faxed letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Howard L. Berman, (D-CA) Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs

Subject: Request copy of classified report entitled, "Minatom's Role in Iran's Nuclear Program", dated August 2005. Subject matter relevant to the Committee's consideration of an agreement with the Russian Federation.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006511 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | IN | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 6:17PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Jun-2008 |

3. Letter to DOE from Senators Bob Graham, Chairman and Jim Talent, Vice-Chairman of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism - (No. DOE 2)

Subject: Request For Information for document(s) (No. DOE 2) "A Report prepared by LANL analyst Susan Voss in approximately 2005 (the "Voss Report") that focused on Russian Institutes

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006909 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | IN | Date Created: | 25-Jun-2008 11:45AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 26-Jun-2008 |

4. Email to OS/Brent Merchant from Maurice Mallin forwarding memo from Senators Bob Graham and Jim Talent, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism - (No. DOE-4)

Subject: Request for Information (No. DOE-4) - The Commission requests DOE provide specific documents

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007426 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |
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| Address Office: | OS/Merchant | Due Date: | 17-Jul-2008 |

5. Email to Eric Nicoll, Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat from Senator Bob Graham and Jim Talent, Chairman and Vice Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism - (No. DOE-5)

Subject: Request for Information (No. DOE-5) - The Commission requests DOE provide specific documents

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| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 17-Jul-2008 |
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6. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Vice Chairman Christopher S. Bond, and Chairman John D. Rockefeller, Select Committee on Intelligence; Chairman Byron L. Dorgan, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Appropriations and Chairman Jeff F. Bingaman, Com**

Subject: Request that the Department of Energy delay the re-location of its Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence until the new Administration is in place

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010957 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 26-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 06-Oct-2008 12:42PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |

7. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Select Committee on Intelligence, John D. Rockefeller, IV (D-WV), Vice Chairman Select Committee on Intelligence Christopher S. Bond (R-MO), Chairman Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Jeff F. Bi**

Subject: Seeking clarifications regarding the mission and staff of the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012037 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | IN | Correspondence Date: | 03-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 05-Nov-2008 11:12AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 13-Nov-2008 |

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

February 25, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is investigating the threat of nuclear terrorism and our military and civilian agencies ability to detect nuclear weapons and respond to a nuclear detonation in the United States. This investigation will include a series of hearings.

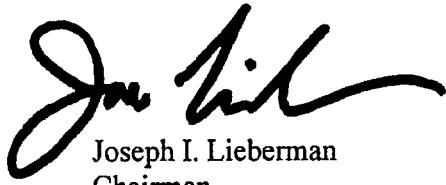
We request your cooperation and the cooperation of relevant agencies and officials in your Department. In particular, the Committee's first hearing will address the threat of nuclear terrorism against the United States. We will be requesting unclassified testimony from officials of several departments and agencies regarding the federal government's assessment of the current and projected threat of a nuclear attack against the United States.

We ask that officials from your Department work with Committee staff by providing requested briefings and information. Officials of your department should also be prepared to offer unclassified hearing testimony regarding the threat of nuclear terrorism.

We are also working with the Congressional Research Service and Government Accountability Office on this topic and ask that you provide responsive information should they request it.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Kraden with the majority staff at 202-224-2627 or Keyur Parikh with the minority staff at 202-224-4751.

Sincerely,



Joseph I. Lieberman
Chairman



Susan M. Collins
Ranking Member

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June 11, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
 Secretary of Energy
 U.S. Department of Energy
 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you are aware, the "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation for Cooperation in the Field of Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy" has been formally submitted to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, pursuant to Sec. 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. We are beginning our review of this agreement, and have our first hearing on the subject tomorrow with Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security John Rood.

I understand that the Department of Energy has a report that is relevant to our Committee's consideration of the proposed Agreement. I formally request, therefore, that a copy of the classified report entitled, "Minatom's Role in Iran's Nuclear Program," dated August 2005, be submitted to the Committee on Foreign Affairs as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

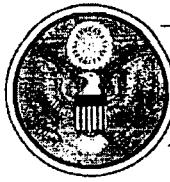
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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 2

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: June 24, 2008

Response Date: June 27, 2008

Staff Contact: Maurice Mallin / (703) 699-2865 / maurice.mallin@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

A. Please provide the Commission with the following document(s):

1. A report prepared by LANL analyst Susan Voss in approximately 2005 (the "Voss Report") that focused on Russian institutes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Staff contact listed above or the Commission's General Counsel, Raj De, at rajesh.de@wso.whs.mil or at 703-699-2883.

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Senator Bob Graham
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7/11/2008



COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 4

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: July 11, 2008

Response Date: July 18, 2008

Staff Contact: Maurice Mallin / (703) 699-2865 / maurice.mallin@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

Please provide the Commission with the following documents:

1. Nuclear Market Survey and associated documents related to nuclear smuggling

Responses should be provided on a rolling basis, i.e. any part of a response should be produced as soon as it is available rather than delaying production until the entire response is completed. All responses should be produced to the Commission at 2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 650, Arlington, VA 22202. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission's General Counsel, Raj De, at rajesh.de@who.whs.mil or at 703-699-2883.

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Senator Bob Graham
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Senator Jim Talent
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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 5

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: July 17, 2008

Response Date: July 21, 2008

Staff Contact: Donald Puglisi / (703) 699-2805 / Donald.Puglisi@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

A. Please provide the Commission with the following document(s):

1. Russia/Iran: Nuclear Interactions, HCS-255-0020/06
2. Title Classified, Serial Number HCS-255-0015/05G

Responses should be provided on a rolling basis, i.e. any part of a response should be produced as soon as it is available rather than delaying production until the entire response is completed. If you have any questions please contact the Commission's General Counsel, Raj De, at rajesh.de@who.whs.mil or at 703-699-2883.

Senator Bob Graham
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 26, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

It has come to our attention that you have approved the re-location of the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence (IN) to a facility owned by SAIC, located in the Tyson's Corner area. We understand that personnel are to be moved to the new location in December 2008.

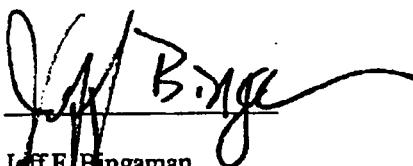
We are aware that the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence has experienced rapid growth in resources and personnel, and now requires additional office space to accommodate this growth. However, we believe that separating IN from the Department of Energy's policy-makers is a major decision that could compromise the effectiveness of the office. We do not believe that it is appropriate to make this kind of decision in the final hours of the current Administration. As such, we request that you delay this IN relocation until the new Administration is in place.

Sincerely,


Christopher S. Bond
Vice Chairman
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 3, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are seeking clarifications regarding the mission and staffing of the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence (IN). Recent congressional briefings provided by IN officials to the U.S. Senate have brought to our attention potential inconsistencies that require clarification from the Department.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence was informed by the Office of Management and Budget on September 12, 2008, that OMB had received from IN written responses to OMB's inquiries, which stated that the Energy and Environment Security Directorate of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence consisted of 1 full time employee, plus one reimbursable detailee. This information is contrary to other IN documents obtained by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, which state that the Energy and Environment Security Directorate as of October 2008 included 6 full time federal employees, one reimbursable detailee, 2 contractors, and 2 vacant positions. **Please clarify the number of positions and budget of the Energy and Environment Security Directorate.**

The Director of IN briefed the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water of the Senate Committee on Appropriations on October 9, 2008, and stated that all division directors within IN's analytical directorate (i.e., IN-10) would remain at the Forrestal Building, to be available to brief the Secretary of Energy and senior staff. The Director stated that the remainder of IN's staff will be relocated 15 miles away to a SAIC-owned facility in Tysons Corner, Virginia. The Committee has been informed that these same division directors have been told that they will be moving to Tysons Corner, and that virtually the entire Nuclear Proliferation Division, including the NPD Division Director, will be relocated to the new facility. **Please clarify which of the directorate and division heads will remain based at the Forrestal Building and which will be based in Virginia. Additionally, please describe how the rationale behind these decisions and the changes were communicated to DOE staff.**

The Director of IN stated at the Belfer Center Breakfast on Capitol Hill on July 16, 2008, that Energy Security ranked as IN's top priority. However, the strategic priorities included in IN's Congressional Budget Justification do not include energy security and the Members of the

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have not been formally notified of any change in IN's priorities. We note that the Energy Security Division budget is less than one percent of IN's total budget. Please clarify where Energy Security ranks in the priorities of the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence. If there has been a change, please describe when this change was made, as well as steps the Department took to notify Congress. For reference, IN's Congressional Budget Justification includes the following strategic priorities:

1. leading the IC in nuclear terrorism initiatives;
2. strengthening DOE's Counterintelligence to reduce human and cyber threats;
3. becoming the "gold standard" of technological excellence in terms of proliferation;
4. initiating strategic S&T surprise projects with DOE's Labs.

Finally, we remain concerned about the lack of congressional notification regarding the Department's plans to relocate (IN) to Virginia. As you know, any reallocation of current year or prior year funding for this relocation requires written notification to Congress. Should the Department decide to proceed with this move, we expect to receive such notification in a timely manner.

Please respond to this letter by November 17, 2008.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller, IV
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1. Letter to LM/David Geiser from Chairman Henry A. Waxman and Ranking Minority Member Tom Davis

Subject: Chairman Henry A. Waxman and Ranking Minority Member Tom Davis writes thanking David Geiser, Deputy Director, LM for meeting held on December 5, 2007; and request DOE prepare a 5-year action plan for addressing uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation.

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2. Secretary Samuel W. Bodman's courtesy copy of a letter addressed to Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of the Department of Labor from Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign, Representatives Shelley Berkley, Jon Porter, and Dean Heller

Subject: Five Members of Congress requests that the Secretary of Labor ensure that the necessary resources are made available to assistance employees of the DOE's prime contractor for the Yucca Mountain Project transitioning into new jobs

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

3. Letter to LM/David Geiser from Chairman Henry A. Waxman and Ranking Minority Member Tom Davis

Subject: Invitation for the Department of Energy to attend a meeting on May 15, 2008 to discuss DOE's portion of the five-year plan, any resources or authorizations the agency needs from Congress to implement the plan and any progress to date on implementation of the plan

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| Address Office: | LM | Due Date: | 09-May-2008 |

4. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Ken Salazar and Representative John Salazar

Subject: Expressing concern with reports that the Department of Energy intend to destroy 500 boxes filled w/documents containing historical information about the Rocky Flats Plant and urge the Secretary to reconsider this decision

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005718 | Priority: | Important |
| Action Office: | LM | Correspondence Date: | 16-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | LM | Date Created: | 19-May-2008 11:45AM |
| Address Office: | LM | Due Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |

5. Letter to LM/Michael Owens from Representative Jim Matheson

Subject: Request for DOE representation at the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) for town meeting with residents of Monticello, Utah to discuss results of the UDOH Cancer Incidence Study being held on June 12, 2008.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006165 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | LM | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jun-2008 |
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January 16, 2008

Mr. David Geiser
Deputy Director
Office of Legacy Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Geiser:

Thank you again for meeting with us on December 5, 2007, to discuss your draft action plan to address the health and environmental impacts of uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation. We believe that implementation of the federal agency action plans will begin to address these impacts, and we encourage you to proceed as rapidly as possible, consistent with your consultation responsibilities to the Navajo Nation. These action plans, however, are only a beginning.

The draft action plans do not clearly delineate a course of action for fully resolving the problem. Given the extent of the contamination that is already known, it is obvious that the contamination cannot and will not be cleaned up in the 3- to 9-month timeframes covered by the draft plans. We need a 5-year plan from each agency that sets out specific cleanup objectives, specific timeframes for achieving those objectives, and the new authorities and funding, if any, necessary to achieve those objectives. These plans will provide the Congress, the Navajo Nation, and the public with concrete benchmarks against which to measure the progress of the federal agencies in cleaning up the contamination.

We therefore request that your agency prepare a 5-year action plan for addressing uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation. We are making a similar request of each of the other responsible agencies. In developing your plan, please work with the other agencies to ensure that the federal response is coordinated and effective. The 5-year action plan should specify its cleanup objectives and include specific timeframes and cost estimates for achieving those objectives.

Among the specific objectives that one or more of the 5-year action plans should address are:

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- Assessment of structures and water sources that are likely to be contaminated;
- Cleanup of all structures found to be contaminated above safe levels;
- Provision of alternate water supplies for residents consuming contaminated water;
- Tiered assessment of abandoned mines, with more detailed assessments of those most likely to pose environmental or health problems;
- Cleanup of the Northeast Churchrock mine site and additional high-priority abandoned mine sites;
- Cleanup of the Tuba City Highway 160 site;
- Cleanup of the Tuba City dump;
- Remediation of groundwater contamination at the three mill sites; and
- Conduct of one or more case control studies of health risks faced by individuals residing near mill sites or abandoned mine sites.

We request that you provide the Committee with your agency's draft 5-year action plan by February 19,2008. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jeff Baran or Andy Schneider of the Committee staff at (202) 225-4407.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
Chairman



Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member

cc: Mr. Jim Nussle
Director, Office of Management and Budget

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

January 29, 2008

The Honorable Elaine L. Chao
Secretary
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Chao:

We write today to bring to your attention layoffs of 63 employees of the Department of Energy's (DOE) prime contractor for the Yucca Mountain Project, as well as the likely release of roughly 500 more employees of Project contractors in the coming weeks.

The Yucca Mountain Project employs many scientists, engineers, environmental and safety experts, as well as administrative staff who are highly skilled and have transferable skills. Currently, there are approximately 2400 people employed by either the Department of Energy or one of its contractors to do work on the Yucca Mountain project, and 85 percent of those workers live in the Las Vegas area.

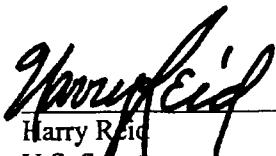
As a delegation we have been working tirelessly to stop the Yucca Mountain project. We believe that the dangers it would expose our residents to and the economic harm it would bring to our state is irrevocable. We are also aware that as we are successful in closing down this ill-conceived project, that there are many valuable workers who will need to transition to other jobs.

As you know, the unemployment rate in the State of Nevada is 5.8 percent, one of the highest in the nation, significantly higher than the national unemployment rate of 5 percent. Nevada has also been hit especially hard by the mortgage foreclosure crisis.

We request that the Department of Labor make the necessary resources available for rapid response to this situation and to ensure that these hardworking individuals receive appropriate assistance for transitioning into new jobs. With layoffs affecting well over 50 workers from multiple companies, the Yucca Mountain Project should also be eligible for National Emergency Grants awarded by the Labor Department to assist affected workers.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to working with you in the future to assure our state has the resources it needs to keep Nevadans employed.

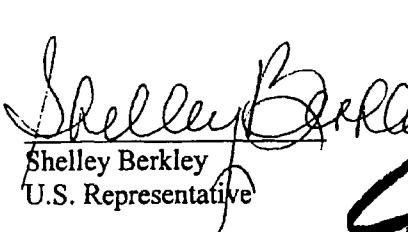
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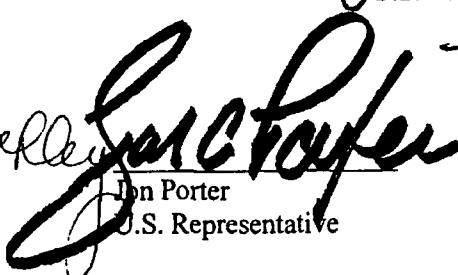
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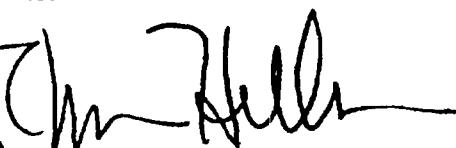
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April 17, 2008

Mr. David Geiser
Deputy Director
Office of Legacy Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Geiser:

Last month, the Department of Energy (DOE) and the other responsible federal agencies jointly submitted a draft five-year plan to address the health and environmental impacts of uranium contamination in the Navajo Nation. We appreciate the efforts of the agencies to produce a detailed and coordinated plan.

As part of the Committee's ongoing oversight of the federal response to the contamination, we request that you join us and other interested members of the House of Representatives--as well as representatives from other relevant federal agencies, the Navajo Nation, and the Hopi Tribe--for a meeting on May 15, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building. At the meeting, you should be prepared to present and discuss (1) DOE's portion of the five-year plan, (2) any resources or authorizations the agency needs from Congress to implement the plan, and (3) any progress to date on implementation of the plan.

In preparation for our meeting on May 15, staff from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the relevant federal agencies will meet on May 5, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2203 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The meeting will allow for preliminary discussions of the draft five-year plan.

Mr. David Geiser

April 17, 2008

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We look forward to continue working with you to finally address the health and environmental impacts of uranium mining **and** milling on the Navajo Nation in a comprehensive way. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Baran or Andy Schneider of the Committee staff at (202) **225-4407**.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman
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Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member

Congress of the United States
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May 16, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We write to express serious concern with reports that the Department of Energy (DOE) intends to destroy 500 boxes filled with documents containing historical information about the Rocky Flats Plant and strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. Although DOE representatives have stated that electronic copies will be made available on the Internet for public use, archiving the original, hard copies of the 500-box collection of documents is the only way to guarantee that the public will have access to the historical record of the Rocky Flats Plant for years to come.

As you know, until recently, the documents at issue were housed at the Rocky Flats Reading Room at Front Range Community College in Westminster, Colorado. Plans to move the 500-box collection to the University of Colorado at Boulder changed upon the DOE's discovery that personal information was included in some documents, such as Social Security numbers. Despite the University of Colorado's significant experience in archiving and protecting documents containing sensitive, personal information, DOE opted for the irreversible option of destroying the original historical record of the Rocky Flats Plant.

Furthermore, DOE's assertion that all of the information contained in the 500-box document collection can be found within the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Administrative Record, thus alleviating DOE's need to maintain the records, is simply not true. There are several documents that are unique to the collection and cannot be found elsewhere.

As a whole, the 500-box collection of documents offers a unique view into the history of the former Rocky Flats Plant and should be archived and preserved. Too many individuals rely upon the information contained within the historical record of the Rocky Flats Plant. The history embedded within its pages could potentially help a Rocky Flats Plant worker receive compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICPA). Maintaining the collection in Colorado would

provide necessary access to past energy employees who continue to reside in Colorado and who may have no or limited access to the Internet. Moreover, the University of Colorado has expressed a strong interest in acquiring the 500-box collection of documents and offered its archiving and preservation services free of charge to DOE. Furthermore, the University has developed safeguards to protect sensitive personal information.

No one would deny that protecting an individual's personal information is essential for avoiding identity theft and other types of fraud, but a top University has safeguards in place to protect it. Your decision to destroy the historical record of the Rocky Flats Plant creates the wrong perception in the minds of the public and raises questions about DOE's intentions. Any concerns that DOE may have can be resolved and does not warrant the destruction of the collection in its entirety.

The 500-box collection of documents and records should be archived at the University of Colorado at Boulder and made permanently available to the people of Colorado for generations to come. Again, I strongly urge you to reconsider destroying these documents. I would appreciate a written response to this letter with explicit reasons why the University of Colorado at Boulder could not adequately protect the Rocky Flats Plant document collection. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar
United States Senator



John T. Salazar
Member of Congress

Cc: Mr. Michael Owen
Director, Office of Legacy Management
U.S. Department of Energy

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JIM MATHESON
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June 3, 2008

Michael Owens
Director, Office of Legacy Management
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Owens:

On June 12, 2008, the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) will hold a Town Meeting with the residents of Monticello, Utah, to discuss the results of the UDOH Cancer Incidence Study, which examined the incidence of cancer diagnosis and mill tailing exposure rates amongst Monticello residents from 1973-2004. I write to you to request that you or a qualified staff member attend the briefing and be prepared to answer questions with regard to the Department of Energy's (DOE) history as it relates to the development of the active uranium site and subsequent remediation efforts led by DOE. I have attached the agenda for the briefing for your review.

I would like to know who will attend the meeting from the Office of Legacy Management and would be happy to offer my office to provide any additional information that you or your office may require in order to be prepared.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Please contact Ms. Shana Sexton in my Washington, D.C. office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



JIM MATHESON
Member of Congress

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Monticello Meeting Itinerary
June 12, 2008

Town Meeting
Monticello High School
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Town Meeting
Sponsored by
The Utah Department of Health
for presentation of
**A FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF CANCER INCIDENCE
IN MONTICELLO CITY, UTAH – 1973-2004**

Monticello High School
197 S 200 W
Monticello, UT 84535
June 12, 2008
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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| 6:00 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions Doug Allen Mayor, Monticello Meeting Moderator Dr. David N. Sundwall, M.D. Meeting Purpose Executive Director, Utah Department of Health |
| 6:10 p.m. | Victims of Mill Tailings – Presentation Background of Cancer Incidence Study Requests Future Issues |
| 6:40 p.m. | Utah Department of Health Presentation A FOLLOW-UP STUDY OF CANCER INCIDENCE IN MONTICELLO CITY, UTAH – 1973-2004 John Contreras, Epidemiologist and Christina McNaughton, Ph.D. |
| 7:10 p.m. | Break |
| 7:20 – 8:00 p.m. | Public Input with State and Federal Panel Moderator: Introduce Panel ATSDR UDOH John Contreras, Epidemiologist Christina McNaughton, Ph.D. USDOE – UDEQ USEPA |
| 8:00 p.m. | Close |

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1. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman Thomas R. Carper and Ranking Member Tom A. Coburn, M.D., Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subject: Thomas Carper and Tom Coburn request amount of appropriated funds DOE spent on costs related to printing and the 20 most expensive printing jobs for fiscal years 2003 through 2007

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| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 19-Jun-2008 11:16AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |

2. Letter to MA/Ingrid Kolb from Representative Joe Wilson

Subject: Requesting information on the DOE's policy on Savannah River Site retiree pensions and benefits

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| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |
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| Address Office: | MA | Due Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |

3. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Russell D. Feingold (D-WI)

Subject: Requesting the Department of Energy to forward copy of the Buy American Report required by Public Law 110-28.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008631 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 11:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Aug-2008 |

4. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Bob Corker (R-TN), Representatives Zach Wamp (R-TN, 3rd), Bart Gordon (D-TN, 6th), Jimmy Duncan (R-TN, 2nd), John Tanner (D-TN, 8th), David Davis (R-TN, 1st), Jim Cooper (D-TN)

Subject: Urges DOE to consider leaving a significant and permanent legacy in East Tennessee by seeing several important Oak Ridge DOE projects through to completion before Secretary Bodman leaves office

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012028 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
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May 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
 Secretary of Energy
 1000 Independence Avenue, SW
 Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Organizations and functions under your direction are categorized as high risk programs by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). While limited progress in addressing identified problems pertaining to contract management within the Department of Energy (DOE) has been made, these programs were designated as being at high risk in 1990 and continue to be so today.

I am writing to express my concern that these programs continue to be designated as high risk after 18 years. In fact, in May 2007 GAO again cited additional concerns and reiterated the lack of progress in improving project management and oversight. One project has reportedly experienced significant schedule and technical problems and the estimated cost more than tripled to \$230 million. It is evident that taxpayers are not receiving full value for funds expended by DOE and contract requirements are not being properly managed. Please provide me with documents detailing the thresholds for contract cost and schedule overruns that trigger executive management review and any DOE policies in place to ensure award fees are managed and expended appropriately.

It is well understood that institutional change is often complex and takes both time and resources to transform these often unwieldy programs. However, strategic planning and budgeting can yield staggering results with disciplined management and oversight. As Secretary, you are uniquely positioned to guide this process.

The DOE currently has 60 reports with multiple issues identified by the GAO that remain outstanding. What actions has DOE taken to address these issues and achieve removal from the GAO high risk list in January 2009? Your prompt response is greatly appreciated.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or Sheldon Shoemaker of my staff at (202) 228-6476 if you would like to discuss these concerns or other matters.

Sincerely,



CLAIRE McCASKILL
United States Senator

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June 18, 2008

Secretary Samuel Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

Thank you for all you do to improve management and to work with Congress in fulfilling its Constitutional oversight duty. The Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services and International Security is making efforts to better oversee financial management practices at federal agencies, and thus we respectfully request the following:

- 1) The total amount of appropriated funds spent by your department and by each of the primary components or agencies of your department for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2007, on all costs related to printing, including production through the Government Printing Office, in-house means, and contractors, as well as shipping and related distribution costs.
- 2) The top 20 most expensive printing jobs per agency or primary department component, for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2007, using appropriated funds. The annual top 20 should be identified based on costs related to printing, including production through the Government Printing Office, in-house means, and contractors, as well as shipping and related distribution costs. For each of these annual top 20, please include:
 - a) the name and address of the printer or contractor;
 - b) the amount paid for the job to the printer/contractor;
 - c) the specifications of the job, including number of pages and the quantity of product printed; and
 - d) the purpose of the printed product.

For the purpose of this request, the word 'printing' is not meant to include the costs associated with laser printers, photocopiers, and paper supplies supporting staff computer work stations, but rather the costs associated with printing or desktop production of official agency documents, such as one-time or periodic publications, reports, brochures, educational and other materials, resulting in multiple copies.

Please submit a response to question 1 by July 18, 2008, preferably in both a hard copy and an electronic format. For the response to question 2, please submit a hard copy and a searchable excel version on CD by August 1, 2008. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jed Ipsen on the minority staff at (202) 224-1363/jed_ipsen@hsgac.senate.gov or John Kilvington on the majority staff at (202) 224-7155/john_kilvington@hsgac.senate.gov.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and your service to the American people.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Carper
Chairman



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JOE WILSON
2ND DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Congress of the United States
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June 23, 2008

Ingrid Kolb
Director, Office of Management
United States Department of Energy
MA-1, Room 4A-107
1000 Independence Avenue, South West
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Policy on Savannah River Site Retirees

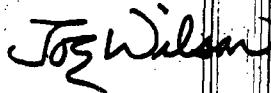
Dear Ms. Kolb,

I write to you today to ask you to provide me with the Department of Energy's policy on Savannah River Site retiree pensions and benefits. It has recently been brought to my attention that the Department of Energy does not have a written policy and this letter serves the purpose of confirming this information. It is my belief that these retirees deserve the greatest attention that can be afforded. Their work at SRS has provided the United States with resources and knowledge that will forever benefit all of us.

Please respond to Allen Aimar, my Military Legislative Assistant, in my Washington, D.C. Office. Allen can be reached by phone at (202) 225-2452, or by email at Allen.Aimar@mail.house.gov.

Thank you in advance for your time and concern in this and all other matters.

Very truly yours,



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United States Senate
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July 29, 2008

Secretary Samuel W. Bodman
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write to inquire about the status of the Buy American Report that you were required to submit to Congress by March 31, 2008, as required by Title VIII, Subtitle C, Sec. 8306, of the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-28). Congress has not, as of yet, received a copy of this report. In addition, Congress has not yet received reports from the Department of Energy for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 as required, which I hope you will submit at this time.

I would appreciate it if you would forward a copy of this report to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and to me at the earliest possible date.

In addition, I would like to remind you that the reporting requirement in Public Law 110-28 extends the Buy American reporting requirement from fiscal year 2007 through fiscal year 2011. The new language requires more specific information than in past years. I have enclosed a copy of Title VIII, Subtitle C, Sec. 8306 of Public Law 110-28 to assist you in preparing the report for the Department of Energy. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Amanda Beaumont in my office at (202) 224-5323.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Feingold
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Congress of the United States
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November 3, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

**RE: Land Transfer
USEC Loan Guarantee
Medicare Part D
Retiree Benefits**

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We strongly urge you to consider leaving a significant and permanent legacy in East Tennessee by seeing several important Oak Ridge DOE projects through to completion before you leave office.

Land Transfers – Local officials have made a few very reasonable and targeted land transfer requests to meet economic development and self-sufficiency goals. These properties are excess DOE parcels and each one meets DOE requirements. The original intent of the land transfer legislation was to help local governments and organizations offset the negative impacts caused by DOE's ownership of 33,699 acres in the community.

The American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) submitted a proposal to transfer the museum and associated parcels 483, 279.01 and G. The proceeds from the sale of the additional parcels will allow the foundation to create an endowment to operate the museum. Future funding for AMSE has been a problem for many years and finally DOE-OR, the City of Oak Ridge and the community have agreed on a solution.

The City of Oak Ridge has requested DOE transfer parcel ED-6 for economic development. DOE has no need for the property and the city plans to develop the parcel for badly needed residential housing, which is compatible with existing land uses. These requests have been turned down or remain unresolved and we urge you to quickly approve these land transfers.

USEC Loan Guarantee - We urge you to make timely determinations that will lead to firm commitments for DOE loan guarantees for the American Centrifuge Plant. This project will play an essential role in meeting our nation's energy and national security

needs. A majority of the research and development, along with the manufacturing for this facility, is being completed at USEC Inc's Oak Ridge facilities.

Medicare Part D - The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 set up that prescription drug plan, known as Medicare Part D, for Medicare beneficiaries. Under the program the government provides Medicare Part D funds to employers for prescription drug coverage for their Medicare eligible retirees. Currently, DOE is treating those Medicare Part D receipts as collections accruing to the contractor in connection with its work under the contract and DOE would claim those funds before they could be passed on to the retirees. The contractors should be encouraged to apply for Medicare Part D subsidies, DOE should not treat those subsidies as collections, and the subsidy should be passed on to the Medicare eligible retirees consistent with the intended purpose of the program.

Retiree Benefits - Inflation and the rising costs of health care make it increasingly difficult for the neediest retirees to get by on their pensions. The retirees, widows and widowers at the bottom of the scale need an increase in their meager monthly benefits. Our lowest-paid retirees receive \$600 per month and spouses of deceased retirees receive only \$400. A 14 percent increase would cost the contractors an estimated \$4.1 million and would have little or no impact on the long-term fiscal health of the pension fund. The increase would raise monthly pensions to \$684 and \$456 respectively for these two groups of retirees. The contractors support this minimal increase and we wholeheartedly urge you to implement this small, humanitarian adjustment.

With many years of effort spent on behalf of each of these endeavors, we urge you to bring them to a close before you leave office as part of your lasting legacy at DOE. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander

Lamar Alexander
United States Senator

Bob Corker

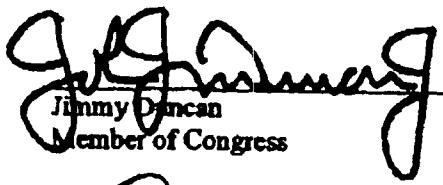
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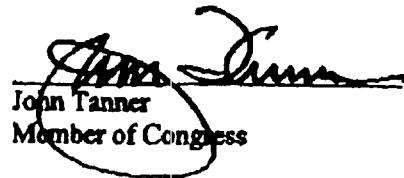
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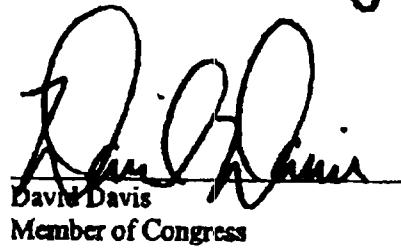
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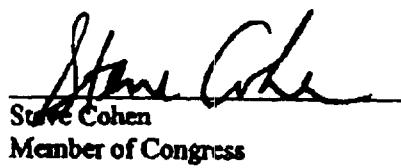
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1. Letter to Deputy Secretary Clay Sell from Senators Larry Craig, Mike Crapo and Representative Mike Simpson

Subject: Senators Larry Craig, Mike Crapo and Representative Mike Simpson writes to request Deputy Secretary Sell support to complete the transfer of excess facilities and materials at the Idaho National Laboratory to the Office of Environmental Management

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001469 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Clay Sell | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 9:47AM |
| Address Office: | Clay Sell | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

2. Letter to Under Secretary C.H. Albright from Chairman Committee on Energy and Commerce John D. Dingell and Chairman Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Bart Stupak

Subject: Chairmen John Dingell and Bart Stupak writes about the Department of Energy(DOE) assessing various approaches to the disposition of DOE's high-assay depleted uranium tails; recommends the Department issue a Request For Expressions of Interest

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002032 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 14-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Date Created: | 15-Feb-2008 11:16AM |
| Address Office: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Due Date: | 28-Feb-2008 |

3. Joint letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman and Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission from Senators Bernard Sanders and Hillary Rodham Clinton

Subject: Senators Sanders and Clinton express concern regarding the February 19-21, 2008, workshop jointly announced by the NRC/DOE on February 6, 2008, to explore the technical issues and research topics for potential extended operation of the nation's nuclear power plants beyond 60 years; asks for response to the following questions regarding real safety problems at the nation's nuclear power plants

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| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 10-Mar-2008 9:18AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 20-Mar-2008 |

4. Letter Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Pete V. Domenici (R-NM)

Subject: Commenting on the June 5, 2008, letter from Mr. Sergey Kiriyenko to the Secretary regarding proposed legislation that offers commercial incentives for Russia to downblend an additional 300 metric tons of HEU

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006710 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 18-Jun-2008 11:24AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Jun-2008 |

5. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Chairman Edward Markey (D-MA), Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming addressed to President Bush

Subject: Chairman Edward Markey expresses concerns regarding President Bush's agreement with King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia regarding nuclear energy cooperation.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006906 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |
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6. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senators George V. Voinovich (R-OH) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Subject: Expresses concern regarding the availability of adequate supplies of Helium 3 gas needed for the manufacture of neutron detectors used in homeland security instruments and how the department proposes to address the near-term need for Helium 3 gas

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008689 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 10:33AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Aug-2008 |

7. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Daniel E. Lungren (R-CA) and Mike Thompson (D-CA)

Subject: Request that the Department of Energy provide the technical and fiscal resources (\$900,000) needed to replace the nation's sole potential domestic source of Iodine-125 production located at the University of California, Davis McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center

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| Signature Level: | NE | Date Created: | 26-Sep-2008 10:44AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Oct-2008 |

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515
January 25, 2008

The Honorable Clay Sell
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Deputy Secretary Sell,

We are writing to request your support to complete the transfer of excess facilities and materials at the Idaho National Laboratory to the Office of Environmental Management (EM) this year.

When the INL was created, inadequately informed decisions were made about which facilities and materials would transfer to EM and which would remain with the Office of Nuclear Energy (NE). While the EM program and its contractor have made great progress addressing cleanup issues at the site, NE has not had the resources to address the INL's environmental management legacy.

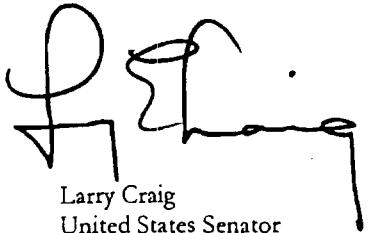
Congress has made it clear that cleanup work and waste disposition ought to be handled by the EM program and we believe it makes no sense for the INL to begin executing cleanup work when a cleanup contractor is already operating at the site.

In order for DOE to meet its commitment to build the new INL and to complete its environmental obligations, we request that all unfunded legacy liabilities assigned to NE at transition be immediately and unconditionally transferred to EM and that the 2010 congressional budget request include language that finalizes this transfer.

We also wish to express our disappointment in the continued under funding of the INL infrastructure in the DOE's annual budget request. Numerous assessments including the recent review by the National Academy of Sciences have found this to be the case. We will continue to work with our colleagues in the Congress to direct the Department toward an adequate level of funding for the INL and all critical R&D infrastructure.

We also note that the State of Idaho and the DOE have made great progress resolving their differences over the remediation of buried waste. This expected agreement reflects the State of Idaho's desire to support the INL's role as the lead nuclear laboratory.

The INL has enormous potential to help meet the energy demands of this nation and to support critical national security missions. In the past three years we have been pleased to see new work at the site and a great deal of support from other federal sponsors. DOE and specifically NE remain our primary sponsors and we wish to continue to work with both to achieve mutual objectives through a clear understanding of mutual expectations.



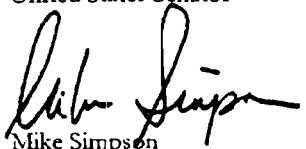
Larry Craig
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Mike Crapo

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Member of Congress

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C.H. "Bud" Albright, Jr.
Under Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Under Secretary Albright:

We understand that the Department of Energy (DOE) is assessing various approaches to the disposition of DOE's high-assay depleted uranium tails (tails). Given the nearly 10-fold increase in uranium prices, a portion of the 560,000 metric tons of depleted uranium inventory can be economically re-enriched and sold for at least \$2 billion. How DOE decides to manage this asset will determine whether the benefits flow to American taxpayers or private interests.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to evaluate various models to re-enrich the economically valuable tails and return the proceeds to the U.S. Treasury.

One legislative proposal calls for DOE to enter into a contract with United States Enrichment Corporation on a sole source basis to re-enrich these tails, but this arrangement presents numerous business risks; moreover, sole source contracting will diminish the Government's bargaining power to maximize returns on behalf of taxpayers.

One alternative to a sole source contracting arrangement is to sell the tails outright in an auction to qualified buyers. This could be a very simple transaction. Using a competitive auction, the buyers would pay DOE cash for the tails, enrich the tails at their own cost, and return the remaining low-assay tails to DOE for disposition. We believe market-based business models should be explored and market interest tested as an option to assess the best outcome for taxpayers.

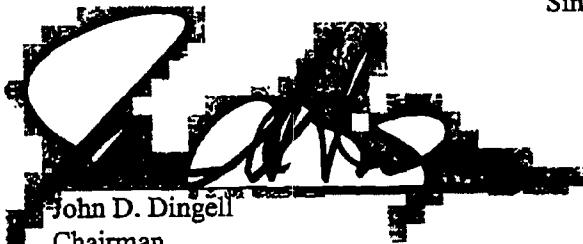
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To test whether there might be market interest, we recommend that the Department issue a request for **expressions** of interest (RFI). The RFI should test market interest on matters such as duration of sales contracts, preferred lot size, overall quantity that **might** be acquired relative to constraints on available **uranium** enrichment capacity, and legal and policy **issues** that need to be considered. To calibrate market interest, DOE will need to inform the public on the specific quantities of available tails for each assay.

We welcome your response to our **recommendation** and look forward to **working** with you. For further **information**, please contact John Sopko, Chief Counsel for Oversight, or **Richard Miller**, Investigator, with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman



Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable John Shimkus, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
Mail Stop O-14E1
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Secretary Bodman and Chairman Klein:

We are writing to express our concern regarding the February 19-21, 2008, workshop jointly announced by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy on February 6, 2008, to explore the “technical issues and research topics for potential extended operation of the nation’s nuclear power plants beyond 60 years.” The initiation of this effort without consideration of recent assessments that identify re-licensing problems is both troubling and ill-advised.

With safety and public health concerns plaguing many of the nation’s 104 aging nuclear power plants – from collapsed cooling towers, to football-sized holes in vessel reactors, missed deadlines for emergency warning sirens, and the release of radioactive materials into our rivers and groundwater – it is irresponsible for your agencies to begin a process to consider the potential for license extensions beyond an already-lengthy 60 years.

The Atomic Energy Act and NRC regulations limit commercial power reactor licenses to an initial 40 years, but also permit such licenses to be renewed for additional 20-year periods. The Department and the Commission have repeatedly assured Congress and the public that the original 40-year term for reactor licenses was based on economic and antitrust considerations – not on the limitations of nuclear technology. Yet, repeated safety incidents at nuclear power facilities underscore that structures and components of nuclear power plants were engineered for an expected 40-year service life and are now experiencing strain due to extended operations and boosted power output levels.

We are concerned that the NRC already faces significant challenges in meeting its current safety oversight functions with respect to aging plants:

- In 2006, the Government Accountability Office released a report on safety oversight, which concluded that the NRC “has been slow to act on needed improvements, particularly in improving the agency’s ability to identify and address early indications of declining safety.”

- Last fall, the NRC Inspector General highlighted significant problems with the current re-licensing process, including the troubling finding that the Commission frequently lifted language verbatim from a licensee's re-license application to incorporate into NRC reports.
- The NRC issued Generic Letter 2007-01 to its licensees last May about unexpected age-related failures of power cables. The NRC solicited information from licensees about cable failures at their facilities and the programs in place to monitor cable aging.

Given these recent reports, it is highly premature for your agencies to begin looking at extending the lifetimes of the current nuclear fleet beyond an already-lengthy 60 years, when in fact many of those plants should no longer be operating. Additionally, we believe that enough evidence exists to warrant a reexamination of the license renewal regulations and to restrict unlimited 20-year facility life extensions. Rather than hold workshops to initiate theoretical discussions of possible plant life extensions beyond 60 years, which would take place in 2020 at the earliest, we ask that you provide answers to the following questions regarding real safety problems at our nation's nuclear power plants:

1. What actions have you already taken and/or plan to take in response to the GAO's September 2006 report?
2. What assessment methods will be used to determine if the steps taken in response to the GAO's report successfully resolved the GAO's recommendations?
3. What actions have you already taken and/or plan to take in response to the NRC Inspector General's report on license renewal?
4. What assessment methods will be used to determine if the steps taken in response to the Inspector General's report successfully resolved those recommendations?
5. Why did the NRC wait until May of 2007 to issue Generic Letter 2007-01 addressing safety concerns raised by cable problems identified at Oyster Creek (1996), Oconee (1999) and Davis-Besse (2004)?
6. How did the NRC's nuclear plant aging research (NPAR) program and generic aging lessons learned (GALL) program fail to predict and prevent the recurring age-related cable failures? In other words, the lessons learned by the 1996 failure at Oyster Creek should have prevented the 1999 failure at Oconee and the 2004 failure at Davis-Besse. Furthermore, the 1996 failure at Oyster Creek and the 1999 failure at Oconee should have prevented the 2004 failure at Davis-Besse.
7. What actions have you already taken and/or plan to take to identify and plug any other gaps in the NRC's license renewal program similar to the gap implicitly conceded in Generic Letter 2007-01?

Given our concerns about safety related issues at aging nuclear plants, and the concerns of our constituents, we look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



Bernard Sanders
Bernard Sanders
U.S. Senate



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June 10, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

I have received a copy of a letter from Mr. Sergey Kiriyenko, Director of Russia's State Corporation on Atomic Energy (ROSATOM). The letter comments on an amendment which I sponsored that was added by the Senate to the supplemental appropriations bill H.R. 2642. The amendment offers commercial incentives for Russia to downblend an additional 300 metric tons of highly enriched uranium (HEU). I will take this opportunity to address the concerns Mr. Kiriyenko raises, correct some apparent misunderstandings he has about the language and offer my own views.

The issue of Russian access to the U.S. nuclear fuel market is an important one. There are essential interests to balance in ensuring adequate supply to our growing nuclear industry and advancing global nonproliferation interests. I believe it is the current status quo, and not my legislation, that fails to strike a proper balance.

In his letter, Mr. Kiriyenko expresses concern about uncertainty in the U.S. market for nuclear fuel. I share his concern. Promoting market certainty is a major motivation of my amendment, second only to national security.

It is important to view this letter in the context of current uranium trade policies. Despite advocating for market certainty, Russian interests have pursued a legal defense of a trade policy that eliminates any restrictions on Russian imports. The overwhelming uncertainty that exists in the market today would benefit Russia enormously, to the detriment of U.S. suppliers.

Mr. Kiriyenko points out that my amendment would allow Russia to supply anywhere from 17% to 25% of U.S. demand depending on its HEU downblending activities. He instead offers support for the Amendment to the Russian Suspension Agreement signed in February, the text of which provides Russia with 20% of the market, without any incentive to reduce its HEU stockpiles. Mr. Kiriyenko fails to point out that under current law the Suspension Agreement provides no limitation on Russian enrichment

services. Therefore contracts to deliver low enriched uranium under enrichment contracts are deemed to be contracts for services and are not covered by the 20% limitation in the Suspension Agreement.

The level of Russian access to the U.S. market is particularly relevant due to the concerns over unfair market competition expressed by the Department of Commerce in its recent sunset review of the Suspension Agreement. In June 2006, the Commerce Department found that removing limits on Russian imports would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of injurious dumping.¹ In September 2007, the Commerce Department reaffirmed its conclusion that that “dumping is likely to continue” and that “imports of Russian uranium and SWU would likely undercut and depress, or suppress, U.S.-market prices for uranium products” unless continued protections are provided.² Among the evidence cited by Commerce in support of its determination was a quote from the former Russian Minister for Atomic Energy that “we shall always supply our fuel at 30% less than western producers.”

Mr. Kiriyenko also took strong exception to the provision of our text that forbids Russia any commercial access if it backs out of the current HEU deal. This is puzzling as my text only applies in a situation where the Secretary of Energy “determines that the Russian Federation has taken deliberate action to disrupt or halt the importation into the United States of low-enriched uranium under the Russian HEU Agreement.” If Russia acts in good faith to implement the Agreement, as they have for over a decade, there should be no concern. Mr. Kiriyenko also fails to point out that I even took steps to provide Russia greater commercial access while the HEU deal is being implemented.

Finally, the letter states that Russia considers its HEU to be a “valuable energy resource,” and notes Russia’s own nuclear energy needs and desire for exports to other regions of the world. Perhaps Mr. Kiriyenko is misinterpreting my legislation. I fully recognize Russia’s legitimate interest in using its HEU—as it sees fit—to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy. That is why I have gone to great lengths to draft legislation that gives Russia the greatest flexibility possible. Under my amendment, Russia need only blend its HEU to less than 20%. It may keep the resulting low enriched uranium (LEU) for use domestically or sell it on the global market. Unlike the existing HEU Agreement, Russia would not be forced to produce 1.5% enriched blendstock to meet U.S. reactor fuel specifications, resulting in major cost savings.

My legislation not only makes it easier for Russia to downblend HEU, it includes significant rewards for Russia if it does. The expanded market access is worth two to three hundred million dollars each year. Russia can also contract directly with U.S. utilities, without having to go through a third party, something I know is important to Russia.

¹ Notice of Final Results of Five-Year Sunset Review of Uranium from Russia, 71 Fed. Reg. 32517 (June 6, 2006).

² Final Results of Remand Redetermination in Sunset Review of Uranium from Russia (Sept. 26, 2007).

I am aware that the Administration prefers closing the enrichment loophole through legislation that would define LEU delivered under an enrichment contract as a "good," which Russia has also opposed. My legislation provides both a reasonable limit on Russian imports as well as strong financial incentives for the elimination of tons of additional HEU. As such it provides a balance between our energy security and national security needs.

I hope you will engage Mr. Kiriyenko directly and explain these points to him. As head of ROSATOM no doubt understands the importance of eliminating surplus stocks of weapons usable material.

Sincerely,



Pete V. Domenici

P.S. Thanks Mr. Sec.,

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May 19, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20502

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great alarm that I write you concerning your recent agreement with King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia regarding nuclear energy cooperation. Your decision to assist Saudi Arabia with the development of nuclear technology is inexplicable given that country's bountiful energy reserves, but more disturbingly, it is deeply flawed given the extraordinary tension in the Middle East today over Iran's nuclear program. I urge you to reconsider this decision and to not begin or continue any discussion or negotiations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on a formal Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation.

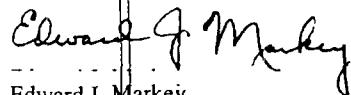
As you know, Saudi Arabia possesses the world's largest proven oil reserves. It remains a mystery to me why a country with such vast and inexpensive energy resources would be interested in nuclear energy, which is a far more technically challenging, expensive, and dangerous energy source. I do not believe that Saudi Arabia has made or could make a cogent case for why nuclear energy is in its economic interests, given its other energy resources.

Another country in the region with enormous oil and gas resources, Iran, has argued that nuclear energy is a cost-effective and necessary investment for domestic energy production. But that argument has proven unpersuasive both to our allies and here in the United States. On October 25, 2004, Vice President Dick Cheney said, "[Iran is] already sitting on an awful lot of oil and gas. Nobody can figure why they need nuclear, as well, too, to generate energy." Vice President Cheney was right in saying that Iran has no need for nuclear power, and the same can be said regarding Saudi Arabia today.

If Saudi Arabia is truly interested in diversifying its energy portfolio, I am puzzled that your administration would not have offered technologies and expertise in the renewable energy area, especially solar energy. A square kilometer of desert typically receives solar energy equivalent to 1.5 million barrels of oil. Under the previous administration, the U.S. Department of Energy joined with the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology in Riyadh on a comprehensive joint solar radiation resource project to assess the solar energy capability of the Saudi Kingdom. Further engagement on both solar energy research and deployment would help both the United States and Saudi Arabia move towards a more sustainable energy and economic future.

I am concerned that Saudi Arabia's interest in acquiring U.S. nuclear assistance has nothing to do with energy and everything to do with Middle East politics. By receiving a pledge of support from the United States on nuclear technology, Saudi Arabia is sending a signal to the leaders of Iran that if Tehran continues down the nuclear path Riyadh will do so as well. It would be folly for the United States to enable and encourage such a dangerous cycle. I urge you to reconsider this decision, and to immediately halt any further discussions or negotiations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the development of nuclear technology.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
Chairman

cc: Mr. James Sensenbrenner
Ranking Member

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 12, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to express concern regarding the availability of adequate supplies of Helium 3 gas needed for the manufacture of neutron detectors used in homeland security instruments. We would appreciate your prompt attention and action to resolve this situation.

Helium 3 gas-filled neutron detectors are used in radiation detection systems, hand-held portal monitors, and an assortment of specialized devices used by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense, as well as state and local first responders. Helium 3 is the technology of choice because of its low cost, high sensitivity and low false alarm rate. The Department of Energy (DOE) plays a critical role in all of these programs by serving as the only U.S.-based source of Helium 3 gas. It is our understanding that the only currently viable alternative source of this gas is from Russia. Accessing this supply would first require Russian suppliers to be willing and able to sell to U.S. companies. We hope that you share our concern that this important element of our nation's homeland security strategy not become overly dependent on foreign suppliers.

The Department's last auction sale of Helium 3 occurred in July 2006. Industry needs new supplies now in order to meet current and future demand created by various governmental homeland security programs. However, it is our understanding that the Department does not plan to begin the sales process for the next release of Helium 3 gas until fall, at the earliest. We question the rationale behind the delay in releasing additional quantities of Helium 3, and are concerned that the existing supply will be used before additional gas becomes available, resulting in disruption to the testing and production of new technologies to protect against a nuclear attack.

Over the long term, there is substantial uncertainty regarding the outlook for DOE's continued production of Helium 3 for sale to industry. We question how the periodic auction process provides reasonable assurance that a stable supply of gas will be available to justify greater investment by the commercial sector. Greater clarity is needed regarding the projected future availability of Helium 3 from the Department, the timing of releases, and the mechanisms that will be available to allocate available supplies.

Letter to Secretary Bodman

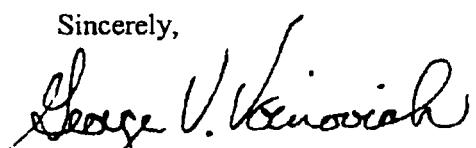
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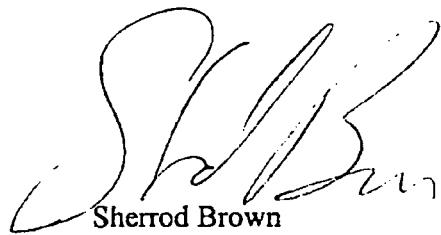
We would appreciate learning how the Department proposes to address the near-term need for Helium 3 gas. Additionally, we would be interested in learning of the Department's future production plans, including how much of that production is likely to be released for sale to industry. Finally, we would like to understand the extent to which the Department coordinates with the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that an adequate supply of Helium 3 will be available to meet the need for neutron detectors for use in the interdiction of fissile nuclear materials.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



George V. Voinovich
United States Senator



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 23, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

The undersigned members of the California Congressional delegation respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) provide the technical and fiscal resources needed to replace the nation's sole potential domestic source of Iodine-125 (I-125) production located at the University of California, Davis McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center (MNRC).

The MNRC is the newest research reactor in the United States. It began operation in 1990 and has about 30 years of productive service life remaining. The reactor is a custom designed TRIGA (Training, Research and Isotope Production General Atomics) reactor with capability to operate at a steady-state power level of up to 2 Megawatts (MW) and can pulse to approximately 1,000 MW for 20 milliseconds.

In July 2001, UC Davis/MNRC entered into an agreement with USDOE for an I-125 loop patent license. The technology for producing I-125 in a nuclear reactor was first developed at the USDOE's Sandia facility. USDOE personnel assisted in the transfer of this technology from Sandia as well as construction of the production system at MNRC. The first production of I-125 commenced at MNRC in January 2002. By 2004, nine out of the 13 pharmaceutical companies selling I-125 were receiving it from MNRC. However, in April 2004, the loop system experienced its fourth failure causing production to cease. The production system remains inoperable today.

MNRC was the sole domestic supplier of I-125 until production failed and it remains the only existing potential domestic supply source for the material. Our nation's primary supply of I-125 from Canada is now also jeopardized due to changes occurring with Canada's nuclear facilities. Soon, our nation may be faced with no North American supplier of this critical isotope, and potentially no path to reinstituting the production loop at MNRC.

UC Davis initially assumed responsibility and stewardship of the MNRC reactor as part of its public service to the nation. The MNRC has supported the U.S. Air Force and the Department of Defense in their respective missions and more recently has produced the I-125 radioisotopes to support the treatment of prostate cancer. MNRC is also an excellent facility for training nuclear engineering, physics, and other students that will be needed for our country's future, as recognized by the America Competes Act.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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To date, UC Davis has invested millions of dollars in the operation and maintenance of MNRC with an implicit understanding and expectation that it would eventually receive some additional federal financial support for the facility. The campus was able to operate MNRC, albeit with continued institutional investment and subsidy, given revenue generated from I-125 sales. Now that the loop system is inoperable, the sales revenue is gone, and limited other resources exist to support MNRC's operations, UC Davis now faces the very real prospect of having to close the facility. Simply stated, UC Davis can no longer continue to provide the sole support for a facility that serves a national need without receiving some financial support from the federal government.

Over the past two years, UC Davis and MNRC staff has been working with USDOE's Office of Nuclear Energy personnel to secure the resources needed to replace the defective loop system, thereby permitting restored production of I-125. Campus personnel estimate replacing the defective system will cost approximately \$900,000. Unfortunately, to date, the campus' requests for assistance to the USDOE Office of Nuclear Energy have not been approved.

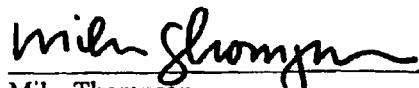
The undersigned members of the California Congressional delegation respectfully request that you reconsider the campus' request for \$900,000 of federal assistance. These funds would enable the restoration of I-125 production for our nation, and through that production permit MNRC's continued operation. Without such revenue, UC Davis may need to decommission a facility that has clearly demonstrated its ability to serve national needs.

We thank you for your prompt consideration and action on this critical national issue.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress



Mike Thompson
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 23, 2008

Restore UC Davis • McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center –
The only domestic producer of I-125 – an isotope used to help
diagnose/treat prostate cancer.

Dear California Colleague:

Please join us in cosigning the attached letter to help secure federal funding needed to restore the McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center (MNRC), which is located in Sacramento, California. The MNRC is a research facility owned and operated by the University of California, Davis. In 2001, UC Davis was convinced by the Department of Energy (DOE) to purchase an Iodine loop production system owned by the DOE. The DOE assisted with the transfer of technology and the construction of the production system. In January 2002, production started and the MNRC became the only facility in the United States capable of producing Iodine 125 (I-125). By 2004, nine out of the 13 pharmaceutical companies selling I-125 were receiving it from MNRC.

I-125 is a radioisotope used in a variety of applications worldwide. These range from medical treatment and diagnostics, as well as on-going biomedical research. One of the most important uses of I-125 is to clinically test thyroid disorders. The most common use for I-125 is for the treatment of prostate cancer. Currently, the majority of the U.S. demand for I-125 is met by suppliers located in Canada, with several smaller suppliers located in Russia and Eastern Europe. When production failed in 2004, there ceased to be a domestic supply of I-125. The production system remains inoperable today.

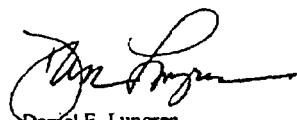
MNRC remains the only existing potential domestic supply source for I-125. Our nation's primary supply of I-125 from Canada is now also jeopardized due to changes occurring with Canada's nuclear facilities. Soon, our nation may be faced with no North American supplier of this critical isotope, and potentially no path to reinstitute the production loop at MNRC.

In 2006, the DOE made an initial offer of a \$600,000 grant to create an operational I-125 loop system. Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, the DOE subsequently rescinded that offer. Now the cost to restore this facility is \$900,000.

We encourage the California congressional delegation to join us in urging the Secretary of the Department of Energy to revisit its decision to rescind the initial grant offer, and search for an alternative source of funding for the replacement system. Given the critical importance of I-125 production domestically, it is our belief that DOE ought to move immediately to explore any and all opportunities to secure the availability of this life-saving radioisotope. The MNRC is uniquely positioned to help DOE achieve that goal.

If you would like to cosign the attached letter or if you have any questions or comments, please contact Sandra Wiseman (6-6875 sandra.wiseman@mail.house.gov) or Jonathan Birdsong (5-3311 Jonathan.Birdsong@mail.house.gov). The deadline for signing on this letter is close of business on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress



Mike Thompson
Member of Congress

National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

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1. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Dianne Feinstein

Subject: Senator Dianne Feinstein urging the DOE to cooperate with the Department of Justice to ensure the fastest feasible removal of the highly enriched uranium and low enriched uranium from a nuclear research reactor site in La Jolla, California

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001370 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 22-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 04-Feb-2008 9:33AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Apr-2008 |

2. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Joseph I. Lieberman and Ranking Member Susan M. Collins, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subject: Chairman Lieberman and Ranking Member Collins asking Secretary Bodman to provide written answers to questions on the DOE's readiness to protect the population of the United States from nuclear terrorism

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001807 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 08-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Feb-2008 9:16AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

3. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Mac Thornberry

Subject: Representative Mac Thornberry asks DOE for continued support to maintain the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Facility today's mission and to consider a variety of new missions for this facility

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002485 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 19-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 27-Feb-2008 11:09AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

4. Letter to Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, from Chairman Ellen O. Tauscher, Chairman and Ranking Member Terry Everett, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Subject: Chairman Ellen O. Tauscher and Ranking Member Terry Everett asks that NNSA direct the JASON panel this year to undertake a technical review of the Life Extension Program analogous to their review of the RRW program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002490 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 21-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 27-Feb-2008 11:22AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 10-Mar-2008 |

5. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator John Cornyn

Subject: Senator John Cornyn provides comments regarding the Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement -- Pantex and the Amarillo Community

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002639 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 28-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 29-Feb-2008 9:19AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-Mar-2008 |

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6. Letter to Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration from Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign

Subject: Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign writing regarding solutions that could improve the business environment for potential use of the Nevada Test Site

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002713 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 13-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 03-Mar-2008 10:26AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

7. Letter to NNSA/Ted Wyka from Representative John J. Duncan, Jr.

Subject: Representative John J. Duncan writes in support of the Y-12 National Security Complex and hope his comments will be included in the NNSA's Complex 2030 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002868 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 20-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 06-Mar-2008 11:16AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 27-Mar-2008 |

8. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman Ike Skelton and Ranking Member Duncan Hunter, Committee on Armed Services

Subject: Chairman Ike Skelton and Ranking Member Duncan Hunter requests that additional material on the DOE/NNSA Global Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention program and the program's funding to Russian institutes

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003122 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 20-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 12-Mar-2008 8:32AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Mar-2008 |

9. Letter to Thomas D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration from Representative Tom Udall

Subject: Representative Tom Udall writing to encourage that the current period for public comment on the NNSA Draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement be extended for an additional 90 days, from April 10, 2008, to July 8, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003124 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 12-Mar-2008 8:41AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

10. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Tom Udall

Subject: Representative Tom Udall thanking the Secretary for speaking with him regarding the NNSA and its public comment period deadline for the Complex Transformation proposal and welcome him enacting the additional two or three weeks public comment period

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004243 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 09-Apr-2008 9:01AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

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11. Letter to Administrator Thomas P. D'Agostino, National Nuclear Security Administration from Senator John Ensign and Senator Harry Reid

Subject: Expressing an interest in securing the future of the National Nuclear Security Administration operations in Nevada and maintaining the vitality and utility of the Tonopah Test Range

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004651 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 07-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 17-Apr-2008 1:10PM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 30-Apr-2008 |

12. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Pete V. Domenici

Subject: Offering additional comments on the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) for Complex Transformation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004704 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 18-Apr-2008 9:46AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

13. Joint letter to HS/Pat Worthington, DOI/Shelby Hallmark and NIOSH/Larry Elliot from Senator Harry Reid

Subject: Requests DOE to resolve the ongoing process of EEOICPA claims and the pending Nevada Test Site Special Exposure Cohort Petition (SEC-00084)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005154 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 11:23AM |
| Address Office: | HS | Due Date: | 21-May-2008 |

14. Fax to Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration Thomas P. D'Agostino from Representative Dean Heller

Subject: Representative Dean Heller writes concerning the future of the "Tonopah Test Range" and the National Nuclear Security Administration operations in Nye County, Nevada; opposes DOE recent plan to relocate the Nuclear Weapons Complex Transformation operations and activities out of Nevada to other locations in other states

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005161 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 28-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Thomas P.D`Agostino | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 12:43PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-May-2008 |

15. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Dianne Feinstein

Subject: Following-up on his letter dated January 22, 2008, urging the Department of Energy to expedite the removal of spent fuel from a General Atomics nuclear research reactor site in La Jolla, California

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005305 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 30-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 05-May-2008 11:18AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-May-2008 |

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16. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Edward J. Markey

Subject: Expressing concern regarding the potential submission to Congress of an agreement for nuclear cooperation that the President have negotiated with the Russian Federation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005513 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 01-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-May-2008 10:55AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-May-2008 |

17. Secretary Samuel W. Bodman's courtesy copy of a letter addressed to President George W. Bush from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce; and Chairman Bart Stupak, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation

Subject: Expressing concern about the Administration negotiating an Agreement for Cooperation regarding the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (123 Agreement) with the Russian Federation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005534 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 07-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 14-May-2008 9:46AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

18. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski and Representative Chris Van Hollen

Subject: Expresses concern regarding the Department of Energy's NNSA plans to transfer up to 198 NNSA federal and contractor staff from Germantown, Maryland to the Forrestal Building in Washington, DC; requests DOE providing information about this decision

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006014 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 27-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 9:26AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |

19. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)

Subject: Welcoming the DOE's decision to review whether it has justification to take custody of the SNF from the reactor site in La Jolla, California; expresses concern that the Department may decide to take only part instead of all of the fuel from the site

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006709 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 05-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 18-Jun-2008 11:07AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Jun-2008 |

20. Letter to DOE from Senators Bob Graham, Chairman and Jim Talent, Vice-Chairman of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism - (No. DOE 1)

Subject: Request For Information (No. DOE 1) for nine (9) DOE individuals for an interview with the Commission

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006831 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 3:25PM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | |

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21. **Letter to DOE from Senators Bob Graham, Chairman and Jim Talent, Vice-Chairman of the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism - (No. DOE 3)**
Subject: Request For Information (No. DOE 3) for two(2) DOE individuals for an interview with the Commission
Control Number: EXEC-2008-006905 Priority: Essential
Action Office: NNSA Correspondence Date: 24-Jun-2008
Signature Level: NNSA Date Created: 25-Jun-2008 10:42AM
Address Office: MA-70 Due Date: 30-Jun-2008
22. **Letter to Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration from Senator Harry Reid (D-NV)**
Subject: Requesting that the DOE Electronic Records Management Program be included in future NNSA budgets
Control Number: EXEC-2008-006943 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: NNSA Correspondence Date: 18-Jun-2008
Signature Level: NNSA Date Created: 26-Jun-2008 11:16AM
Address Office: NNSA Due Date: 15-Jul-2008
23. **Email to Eric Nicoll, Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat from Senator Bob Graham and Jim Talent, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism - (No. DOE-6)**
Subject: Request for Information (No. DOE-6) and the Commission request an interview with Secretary Samuel W. Bodman and NNSA/Thomas D'Agostino
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007645 Priority: Essential
Action Office: NNSA Correspondence Date: 17-Jul-2008
Signature Level: NNSA Date Created: 17-Jul-2008 5:22PM
Address Office: MA-70 Due Date: 22-Jul-2008
24. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from the White House transmitting letter from Representatives McCotter (R-MI), Jones (R-NC), Wolf (R-VA), Rohrabacher (R-CA), Boyda (D-KS), Burton (R-IN) and Sali (R-ID)**
Subject: Urging President George W. Bush to inform Congress of the details of exporting of sensitive security and military equipment and technology to communist China to enhance the security monitoring for the 2008 Olympic Games.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007789 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: NNSA Correspondence Date: 18-Jun-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 22-Jul-2008 9:37AM
Address Office: NNSA Due Date: 08-Aug-2008
25. **Letter to Eric Nicoll, Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat from Senators Bob Graham, Chairman and Jim Talent, Vice Chairman Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism (No. DOE- 8)**
Subject: Requests DOE provide the Commission the following information regarding Comprehensive Nuclear Threat Reduction and Security Plan (No. DOE 8)
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008465 Priority: Essential
Action Office: NNSA Correspondence Date: 05-Aug-2008
Signature Level: NNSA Date Created: 05-Aug-2008 2:33PM
Address Office: MA-70 Due Date: 06-Aug-2008

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26. **Email to Eric Nicoll, Director, Office of the Executive Secretariat from Senator Bob Graham, Chairman and Senator Jim Talent, Vice Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (No. DOE - 9)**

Subject: Requests DOE to provide specific information to the Commission on the lessons learned with respect to MPC&A in the FSU or other physical protection activities to strengthen security of nuclear materials and facilities worldwide (No. DOE- 9)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008477 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 05-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 05-Aug-2008 4:30PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

27. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Bob Graham, Chairman and Senator Jim Talent, Vice Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (No. DOE-10)**

Subject: Request for Information regarding an organizational chart within DOE with responsibilities relating to WMD; and the number of PCC and sub-PCCs, relating to WMD

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009015 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 19-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 19-Aug-2008 12:55PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 26-Aug-2008 |

28. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Bob Graham, Chairman and Senator Jim Talent, Vice Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (No. DOE-11)**

Subject: Requests DOE provide specific information regarding DOE standards and policies re: nuclear materials and other issues

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009041 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 20-Aug-2008 10:10AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 27-Aug-2008 |

29. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Bob Graham, Chairman and Senator Jim Talent, Vice Chairman, Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism (No. DOE-12)**

Subject: Requests information regarding specific issues and follow-up interview with NNSA individual; requested info in due by Sept 5, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009572 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 29-Aug-2008 10:50AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 05-Sep-2008 |

30. **Letter to NNSA/Theodore A. Wyka from Representative Tom Udall**

Subject: Thanking NNSA for contacting him and for sharing thoughts regarding Los Alamos National Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010326 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 08-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 16-Sep-2008 1:00PM |
| Address Office: | NA | Due Date: | |

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31. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from David M. Pomerantz, Director, Surveys and Investigations Staff, House Committee on Appropriations

Subject: Staff of the Committee on Appropriations has been directed to make an inquiry on the physical security at the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories now storing or working with Category I or II nuclear material

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011037 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 07-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 08-Oct-2008 1:23PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |

32. Letter to NNSA/Thomas P. D'Agostino from David M. Pomerantz, Director, Surveys and Investigations Staff, House Committee on Appropriations

Subject: Staff of the Committee on Appropriations has been directed to make an inquiry on the physical security at the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories now storking or working with Category I or II nuclear material

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011262 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 07-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 11:34AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | |

33. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces and Committee on Armed Forces Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA)

Subject: Requests answers to the enclosed questions regarding the progress of U.S. negotiations with Russia over the disposition of their weapons grade plutonium

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012383 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 04-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-Nov-2008 10:18AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

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January 22, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to call your attention to an urgent problem that is unique to Southern California, and that I believe the Department of Energy can help solve. The problem is the removal of spent fuel from a nuclear research reactor site in La Jolla, California. While strong measures are in place to protect the fuel – which includes bomb-grade, highly enriched uranium (HEU) and related material – it is still a potentially attractive target for terrorists.

The risk of an incident involving this sensitive nuclear material is slight, but it is an unnecessary risk. I believe it can be eliminated by transferring the material to a DOE facility. Indeed, I believe that not to transfer this material out of the densely populated Southern California area would be a mistake. As explained below, it is my understanding that DOE can play an important role in solving this problem, and I urge you to do so.

By way of background: the spent nuclear fuel is from two research reactors that were operated by General Atomics. Both reactors have now been shut down. Despite the best efforts of General Atomics, the spent fuel continues to be stored at their facility in La Jolla. In the unlikely, but not impossible, event that terrorists gained access to the uranium, the HEU could conceivably be used in a rudimentary nuclear device or a radioactive “dirty bomb.” In addition to HEU, the spent fuel includes low enriched uranium (LEU), which could likewise be used to form a “dirty bomb.”

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman

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Fortunately, there is ample authority for the spent fuel to be removed from the site under existing law. The Atomic Energy Act authorizes the Department of Energy to "take ... or otherwise acquire any special nuclear material or any interest therein" to the extent the Department deems it necessary to carry out the Act. According to longstanding DOE policy and practice, this authority was not abrogated by the subsequent enactment of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA).

Moreover, DOE has already authorized eight shipments of spent fuel from General Atomics. That authorization, in a 1996 DOE Record of Decision amendment, was supported by an environmental impact statement. Yet none of those shipments has taken place. The HEU and LEU stored at the General Atomics facility could be removed in no more than three shipments.

I have learned that the Department of Justice may have concerns about whether the removal of this spent fuel would prejudice the government's position in litigation relating to the NWPA. I believe those concerns are not well founded, for reasons that include the following:

- The spent fuel at issue here is unique: it is the only privately owned HEU stored at the site of a permanently shut-down reactor in the United States;
- This unique HEU is more sensitive, and potentially more dangerous, than the LEU at issue in the other NWPA lawsuits;
- The NWPA, by its terms, applies to "civilian nuclear power reactors," and does not address the much different circumstances of research reactors like the ones at issue here;
- The quantity of spent nuclear fuel at the General Atomics site is orders of magnitude less than the quantity at any civilian power reactor site;
- The research performed at the General Atomics reactors was primarily done for the government, and if the spent fuel were government-owned it would already be stored by DOE;
- General Atomics has stated its willingness to pay for the fuel's removal and to drop its pending NWPA lawsuit once the fuel is removed; and

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman

January 22, 2008

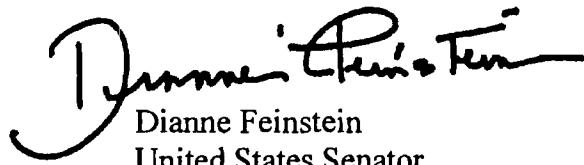
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- The General Atomics site can be decontaminated and converted to another use as soon as the HEU and LEU are removed, because the reactors on the site have been shut down.

If the HEU were located in a foreign country, it would be a top-priority national security interest to ship it to a secure DOE facility within the United States – and such transfers of foreign nuclear waste have already occurred on several occasions. It should be at least of equal importance to move the spent fuel from this densely populated area, which includes important research & development facilities and U.S. military installations, to a secure DOE facility.

I urge you and the Department to recognize that this unique situation can and should be resolved without affecting the vastly different realm of civilian power reactor waste and the related NWPA litigation, and to cooperate with the Department of Justice to ensure the fastest feasible removal of the HEU and LEU from the La Jolla site. I have also written to Attorney General Mukasey to urge his cooperation on this issue.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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February 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

As part of our ongoing oversight into the threat of nuclear terrorism, the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is reviewing the readiness of the nation's military and civilian agencies to protect the population of the United States from nuclear terrorism.

The effects of a nuclear attack on the United States are almost beyond comprehension. Even if we only consider the impact that a relatively small 10-kiloton nuclear device would have on a city center, the devastation would be catastrophic. From the epicenter of the blast to a distance of approximately one-third of a mile, every structure would be destroyed and virtually no one would be left alive. In the second circle of destruction, extending three-quarters of a mile from ground zero, buildings would experience devastating structural damage and most people in this ring would be killed or seriously injured. A third circle reaching out one mile would be ravaged by fires and radiation. Downwind of the blast, radioactive debris would begin to spread across the region, potentially exposing tens of thousands of people to lethal doses of radiation. Immediately after such an attack, our country would face challenges that we have never faced before.

Although improved security for nuclear stockpiles and fissile materials in Russia and elsewhere have helped to reduce the risk of nuclear terrorism, the threat of terrorists building or acquiring a nuclear weapon remains. While building an improvised nuclear device remains a difficult undertaking, the frightening truth is that simple nuclear weapons are based on 60-year old technology and such weapons are relatively easy to design and make. The primary obstacle to terrorists building a nuclear weapon is not the know-how required, but rather the difficulty of obtaining fissile material. However, there are many hundreds of tons of fissile materials, including highly enriched uranium, being stored in hundreds of sites worldwide, often under inadequate security arrangements. Potential sources of fissile materials and the knowledge necessary to build nuclear weapons continue to proliferate in countries with ties to radical and terrorist organizations. In addition to the threat of a terrorist organization building an improvised nuclear device, there remains the constant threat of a bomb being stolen or otherwise acquired from existing nuclear stockpiles that are not always adequately secured.

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While our primary goal must be the prevention of such an attack, we must also prepare for the eventuality that a determined terrorist may succeed despite our best efforts. The threat of nuclear theft by terrorist groups and the catastrophic consequences of such an attack dictate that our country be prepared. An effective response requires well-exercised plans that clearly enumerate roles and responsibilities at all levels of government. While the responsibility for responding to most small and medium-sized disasters naturally begins at the local level, planning and responding to a large-scale disaster, such as the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States, clearly require a robust Federal role. The destruction and devastation of such an attack would present humanitarian and logistical challenges that would overwhelm the capabilities of cities and states and require the Federal government to quickly marshal all of its assets and capabilities, as well as those of other States, localities, the private sector, and non-profits. However, the Government Accountability Office recently described the Federal government's ability to prepare for, respond to, recover, and rebuild from catastrophic events as needing "fundamental reform" and included catastrophic planning as a key area for Congressional oversight.

The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (6 U.S.C. 741, et. seq.) requires the development of a national preparedness system and a target level of preparedness that can ensure the nation's ability to prevent, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. The Act requires, among other things, that the President ensure that each Federal agency with responsibilities under the National Response Plan ("NRP") and its successors, including the National Response Framework ("NRF"):

- 1) has the operational capability to meet the national preparedness goal;
- 2) complies with the National Incident Management System;
- 3) develops, trains, and exercises rosters of response personnel to be deployed when the agency is called upon to support a Federal response; and
- 4) develops operational plans and the corresponding capabilities, including crisis planning, to respond effectively to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters to ensure a coordinated Federal response.

Pursuant to the Act, the Administrator of FEMA, acting in coordination with the heads of appropriate Federal agencies, is required to submit to Congress a report on the Nation's level of preparedness for all hazards. To date, we have not yet received this report.

Protecting our nation against nuclear terrorism involves many critically important tasks, including: non-proliferation activities, collecting and analyzing intelligence about the evolving threat of nuclear terrorism, devising a global and domestic nuclear detection system, and planning and preparing to respond to the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States. However, at this time, non-proliferation activities are not included in this particular inquiry. Rather, the Committee's current review of the nation's readiness to protect the population of the United States from nuclear terrorism builds upon work already conducted with respect to the programs of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office at the Department of Homeland Security, the role of FEMA in preparing the country to respond to a catastrophic event, and other Federal programs.

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To assist the Committee in determining the current state of the nation's operational readiness to protect the people of the United States from nuclear terrorism and to carry out critical response missions in the event of the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States, we ask that you provide written answers to the following questions on behalf of your department or agency:

- I. Describe the roles, responsibilities, and authorities (under Federal law, Presidential directive, or any other relevant strategic or operational plan) of each component in your department or agency that relates to:
 - A. collecting and analyzing intelligence on the current threat of the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States;
 - B. developing, testing, evaluating, acquiring, and/or deploying radiation detection technologies either overseas or in the United States; and
 - C. responding to the discovery of nuclear weapons and/or fissile materials within the United States (including your department or agency's role, responsibilities and authorities in identifying, destroying, securing, disabling, or disposing of such weapons or materials).
- II. With respect to each specific role, responsibility, or authority identified in response to Question I:
 - A. provide a detailed inventory (including the specific resources, funding, personnel, and operational assets) of your department or agency's current capabilities to carry out each specific role, responsibility or authority; and
 - B. list the names and positions of the key personnel involved in acting pursuant to that authority or discharging that role and responsibility.
- III. Describe the roles, responsibilities, and authorities of each component in your department or agency in responding to the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States. Include your department or agency's roles, responsibilities, and authorities under Federal law, the National Response Framework (NRF), any annexes to the NRF or its predecessor, the NRP, any other government-wide, departmental, or agency disaster preparedness plan, or any relevant strategic or operational plan. With respect to each specific role, responsibility or authority:
 - A. list the names and positions of the key personnel involved in acting pursuant to that authority or discharging that role and responsibility; and
 - B. provide a detailed inventory (including the specific resources, funding, personnel, and operational assets) of your department or agency's current capabilities to

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carry out its responsibilities in the event of the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States, including:

1. a detailed description of how your department or agency's capabilities would be utilized in response to the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States;
2. the time-frame within which the capabilities can be deployed in response to such an event;
3. the current state of readiness of these capabilities to respond to such an event;
4. the emergency communications assets maintained by your department or agency; and
5. the names and positions of the individuals that are most knowledgeable about the inventory of your department or agency's response capabilities.

IV. Describe how, after the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States, your department or agency would support the NRF, any annexes to the NRF or its predecessor, the NRP, any other government-wide, departmental, or agency disaster preparedness plan, or any relevant strategic or operational plan. In addition:

- A. specify all operational plans that have been developed by your department or agency to respond to such an event; and
- B. list the names and positions of the individuals who are most knowledgeable about your department or agency's planning activities to respond to such an event.

V. Describe how your department or agency is coordinating with other Federal agencies in preparing, planning, and training for responding to the detonation of a nuclear device in the United States. Please:

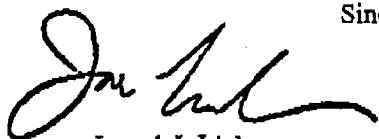
- A. specify the dates and locations of interagency meetings that officials from your department or agency have participated during the last 24 months regarding the development of interagency response plans to respond to such an event;
- B. describe your department or agency's participation in any interagency training activities during the last five years that simulated such an event; and

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- C. provide the names and positions of the individuals who are most knowledgeable about your department or agency's participation in such interagency activities and who have direct responsibility for ensuring the readiness of your department or agency to carry out its missions.
- VI. Identify all operational plans, inventories of your department or agency's response capabilities, or any other documents or information that your department has provided or will be providing to the Administrator of FEMA or the White House that will enable the President to fulfill his annual certification obligations under 6 U.S.C. 753(d).

We request you provide the requested information as it becomes available, but not later than February 29, 2008. Should you believe that your response to this letter will require the disclosure of classified information, please let us know in advance of this date so that we may determine whether alternate arrangements for production are appropriate. We thank you and your staff in advance for your cooperation. If you or your staff has any questions concerning this request, please contact Jonathan Kraden of the Committee's majority staff at 202-224-2627 or Rob Strayer or Keyur Parikh of the Committee's minority staff at 202-224-4751.

Sincerely,



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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Department of Energy's Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS).

As the Representative for the 13th Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to represent the men and women who work at the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Facility in Amarillo. I believe employees continue to perform vital national security work in the defense of our nation, and I am writing to ask for your continued support to maintain today's mission and consider new missions for this facility.

Today, Pantex is the premier site for weapons assembly, disassembly, and Life Extension Program (LEP) work. The Pantex team has consistently exceeded expectations in disassembly throughput while operating in a safe and cost effective manner. Considering past performance and future potential, I also believe Pantex should continue as the High Explosives (HE) production and manufacturing center for the enterprise.

In addition, based on resident expertise, historical performance, economic conditions favorable to the government, and strong community support, I believe Pantex also deserves serious consideration to assume a variety of new missions consistent with its core competencies.

Again, I appreciate your positive consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Mac Thornberry
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Thomas P. D'Agostino
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Dear Administrator D'Agostino:

The JASON review of the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW), completed in September of 2007, earned praise for its assessment of the risks and uncertainties associated with the proposal to design, produce, and certify the RRW without underground testing. We welcomed that review and, as we noted in the conference report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, their findings "begin to identify the challenges of the RRW program and the scientific work and general processes that need substantial focus and attention."

Since the RRW program was first proposed, our committee has urged a cautious approach with strict attention to the objectives established in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2006. We reaffirmed those objectives in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2008 and urged the National Nuclear Security Administration to consider regular external review of the program. We trust that the NNSA will adopt a path forward for the broader Stockpile Stewardship Program that offers the greatest assurance the nation can continue to annually certify the safety, security, and reliability of our nuclear weapons.

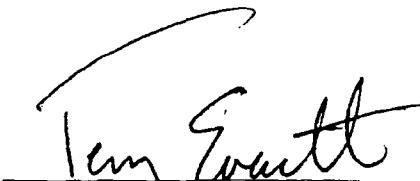
To that end, we ask that you direct the JASON panel this year to undertake a technical review of the Life Extension Program (LEP) analogous to their review of the RRW program. We have confidence in both the Stockpile Stewardship Program overall and the current LEP approach in particular, but as we look ahead, a fuller understanding of the risks, uncertainties, and challenges associated with the LEPs will enable a more robust comparison between the current program and any proposed alternatives, including the RRW proposal.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this critically important matter.

Respectfully,



The Honorable Ellen O. Tauscher
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February 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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Re: Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
(Complex Transformation SPEIS, DOE/EIS 0236-S4)

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Department of Energy's Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) is of great importance to the Amarillo community.

As an elected official representing the Amarillo area, I am proud of the Pantex plant and its workers. Pantex has been a good neighbor, and I am pleased that the Pantex plant calls the State of Texas home. Accordingly, I strongly support Pantex continuing its current functions; I advocate for Pantex receiving the new functions and facilities listed in the preferred alternatives for the SPEIS; I advocate for Pantex receiving any other new functions discussed in the SPEIS (such as the Consolidated Plutonium Center, Consolidated Uranium Center, Consolidated Nuclear Production Center, and the Consolidated Nuclear Center); and I urge DOE to reject any option that would result in the reduction or cessation of current functions at Pantex.

More specifically, I support Pantex remaining the Assembly/Disassembly/High Explosives (HE) production (formulation, processing, and testing) and manufacturing (machining) center with all HE production and machining to support nuclear explosive package development and HE experiments up to 22 kg, as well as consolidating non-destructive surveillance operations at Pantex. I also support Pantex being established as the "Center of Excellence for Assembly/Disassembly" for nuclear weapons and the "Center of Excellence for High Explosives Production and Machining." In addition, I advocate Pantex receiving non-destructive weapon/pit surveillance with the existing Weapons Engineering and Testing Lab and the new Weapons Surveillance Facility, receiving updated HE machining and production facilities, and consolidating weapon and pit storage with a new underground storage facility located in Zone 12 of the plant.

I believe that the addition of a Consolidated Plutonium Center, Consolidated Uranium Center, Consolidated Nuclear Production Center, and/or the Consolidated Nuclear Center (under the "Distributed Centers of Excellence" or "Consolidated Centers for Excellence" options) would be consistent with the historic disassembly and storage mission of the plant. Pantex currently stores more than 12,000 pits and has a long history and an excellent safety record in handling pits. The operation of most of these facilities will be an entirely new mission for any site ultimately selected. These facilities will require new construction, recruitment, and training of additional personnel, as well as the creation of provisions for supporting infrastructure. DOE

must essentially seek to establish a production capability that has never existed at any of the sites under consideration for these new facilities. It is my belief that Pantex's excellent and well-trained workforce makes Pantex the safest and most cost-effective site to take on this new mission. Further, designation of Pantex would greatly reduce transportation of special nuclear materials (SNM) and its attendant costs and risks.

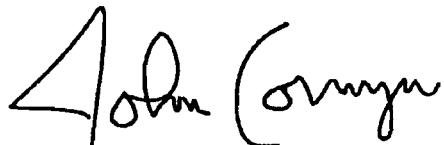
I strongly believe that DOE should reject any option under the "Consolidated Centers for Excellence" option which may result in the cessation or reduction of weapons activities currently at Pantex.

As a U.S. Senator, I am in regular contact with elected officials, leaders and ordinary citizens in the Amarillo area. I can say without hesitation that the Pantex plant enjoys tremendous public and bipartisan political support for existing and new missions and can ably perform those missions at the lowest additional costs to the taxpayers. DOE must have this strong, broad-based political support to accomplish anything relating to new missions dealing with SNM. DOE has the necessary support from local elected officials to help its initiatives succeed.

I believe that DOE's Record of Decision for this SPEIS should maintain current functions at Pantex, award the new functions and facilities listed in the preferred alternatives for the SPEIS, designate Pantex as the preferred site for other new functions discussed in the SPEIS (such as the Consolidated Plutonium Center, Consolidated Uranium Center, Consolidated Nuclear Production Center, and/or the Consolidated Nuclear Center), and omit Pantex from any site list from which such functions would be consolidated, relocated, or eliminated.

Thank you for your service to our nation. I appreciate your attention to this issue, and I urge you to give my comments every consideration.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Thomas P. D'Agostino
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Dear Mr. D'Agostino:

We are writing you today regarding solutions that could improve the business environment for potential users of the Nevada Test Site (NTS) and make far greater use of this world-class research and operations facility. As you know, NTS is at a disadvantage to other sites in attracting new defense and security-related projects because the Department of Energy's (DOE) policy requires non-DOE entities doing business at NTS to pay their entire overhead costs without reimbursement.

When you and Senator Reid met before your confirmation, and again last November, you indicated this policy could be improved and such improvements were worthy of consideration. We recognize that the Department needs a reasonable system for allocating costs. However, the current system is out-of-date and does not fairly match the Department's overhead costs with the amount it charges potential NTS users. As a result, federal agencies and other entities are discouraged from locating their projects at NTS, despite the fact that it is a secure location with desirable working space that could accommodate increased operations and a highly-skilled professional workforce.

We are happy to work with you to reduce the cost to potential NTS users while ensuring that NNSA is reimbursed a fair and reasonable amount to cover its overhead costs. Please let us know how you intend to proceed on this issue and how we can be of help. Also, please do not hesitate to contact us (or Bob Herbert/ Chris Miller on Senator Reid's staff or Mike Ragsdale on Senator Ensign's staff) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Dear Mr. Wyka:

I am pleased to write you in support of the Y-12 National Security Complex and hope my comments will be included in the National Nuclear Security Agency's (NNSA) Complex 2030 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee has been home to the Department of Energy (DOE) since the Manhattan Project. During this time, our Nation's nuclear policy has changed in many ways, and each time the dedicated staff of Y-12 has always met all the needs of DOE's mission. This region stands ready to continue to do so.

Y-12 is an integral part of our Nation's nuclear weapons complex, and has manufactured components of every weapon in our nuclear arsenal. Y-12 also has the distinction of being recognized as the U.S. Center of Excellence in Uranium, and I am aware that Complex 2030 supports that mission. In fact, Y-12 is often referred to as The Fort Knox of enriched uranium.

I fully support the Department's transformation plans to make the nuclear weapons program smaller, more responsive, and safer.

As modernization efforts progress across the DOE complex, I encourage DOE and NNSA to complete construction on the special materials storage facility at Y-12.

Y-12 is well positioned to meet any challenge and accomplish any mission from DOE and NNSA. This region is also prepared to work with DOE's Environmental Management office to meet the clean up needs at Y-12.

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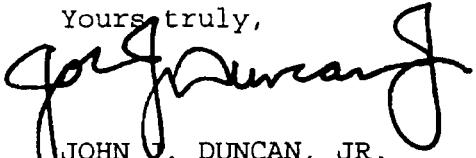
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As DOE and NNSA move forward with Complex 2030, it is my sincere hope that you carefully consider Y-12's record of distinction.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

JOHN V. DUNCAN, JR.
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing with respect to the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Global Initiatives for Proliferation Prevention (GIPP) program and the program's funding of Russian institutes, which are involved with work on nuclear projects in Iran. On February 6, 2008, the Representatives John D. Dingell, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and Bart Stupak, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, sent you a letter on this topic.

The February 6th letter from the House Committee on Energy and Commerce requests a number of documents and responses to questions relating to the GIPP program. Given our Committee's annual authorization of appropriations for the National Nuclear Security Administration and for this program in particular, we have a strong interest in your Department's reply to this letter.

We appreciate that you have already provided our Committee with a copy of your Department's initial and unclassified responses to the questions raised in the letter. However, we understand that your Department is still to provide the House Committee on Energy and Commerce with additional responses to these questions, as well as the documents requested in the letter. We request that you also provide our Committee with two copies of this additional material. The copies should be delivered to room 2120 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
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February 20, 2008

Please be advised that our Committee, as a House committee with legislative and budgetary jurisdiction of NNSA, is conducting a vigorous investigation to ensure that there has been no improper use of congressionally authorized GIPP program funds, and that your Department will likely receive requests for information directly from us or our staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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March 3, 2008

The Honorable Thomas D'Agostino
Administrator
National Nuclear Security Administration
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Dear Secretary D'Agostino:

I am writing to encourage that the current period for public comment on the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) Draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SPEIS) be extended for an additional 90 days, from April 10, 2008, to July 8, 2008. This extended period would give sufficient time for your office to receive comments on what is an extremely important proposal.

The Draft Complex Transformation SPEIS proposes sweeping changes to the existing structure of the NNSA, including enormous changes to Los Alamos National Laboratory, an institution which I proudly represent. It is essential that the input of those individuals and organizations that will be affected by the SPEIS, both in Northern New Mexico and elsewhere, be accepted and reviewed. While I appreciate the original 90 days you granted for public comment and applaud your efforts to "consider comments received after this date to the extent practicable," as you state in the Notice of Availability, on a proposal of this magnitude, with far reaching implications for facilities and communities, a formal extension of time is appropriate and necessary.

Again, I respectfully request an extension of the existing public comment and review period for an additional 90 days. This may be enormously helpful in ensuring that the NNSA proposal is fully examined and that its process of consideration is as inclusive as possible.

Very truly yours,

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The Honorable Samuel Bodman
 Secretary
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

Thank you for speaking with me today regarding the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and its public comment period deadline for the Complex Transformation proposal. I appreciate you taking the time to discuss this important issue.

During our conversation you expressed a willingness to extend the public comment period, currently set to a deadline of April 10th, for an additional two or three weeks. While I would prefer a ninety-day extension, I would welcome you enacting such an addition of time for comment and doing so as quickly as possible. It is imperative that the voices of all the communities that will be affected by this proposal be heard.

Thank you again for taking the time to speak with me; it is very much appreciated as this matter is extremely important to the people of New Mexico.

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Mr. D'Agostino,

We are writing to you about the future of the Tonopah Test Range (TTR) and the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) operations in Nye County, Nevada. As you know, we are very interested in securing the future of the NNSA in Nevada and maintaining the vitality and utility of the TTR. We strongly urge you to consider and implement long-term solutions that will keep the TTR and the Nevada Test Site (NTS) as integral and important parts of our critical national security efforts.

Since the 1950's, TTR has been an important proving ground for various nuclear and conventional weapons systems developed by the United States. It is our hope that the Range and Nevada will continue to be a fundamental part of this national defense infrastructure. Recent reports indicate that the NNSA is undergoing a Nuclear Weapons Complex Transformation and is considering relocating important operations and activities out of Nevada to other locations in other states. You should know that we are opposed to this plan. Nevada has long served this nation's various defense programs and that service should be respected. As United States Senators, we have always been vigilant supporters of military research and development programs and would be gravely concerned to see the NNSA move TTR operations out of our State.

Please know that we applaud the NNSA's desire to become more efficient and believe that a solution exists to keep TTR operations in Nevada as part of any transformation process. We would support NNSA restructuring the programs at the TTR through a new agreement with the United States Air Force. By efficiently utilizing the resources at the TTR, we believe that the NNSA can continue to benefit from Nevada's well developed military infrastructure and highly skilled workforce and TTR can continue to contribute significantly to the nation's defense needs.

We think you share our belief that robust defense research and development is critical to the future safety and security of our nation. Nevada and the TTR should be part of that future. We look forward to working with you as you evaluate the options.

Sincerely,



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April 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

Sam

I would like to thank the Department and the NNSA for all its hard work in developing the proposed complex transformation initiative. The proposals included in the "preferred alternative" represent a thorough review of the program, facilities and mission of the nuclear weapons complex. Correctly, the NNSA has proposed an aggressive strategy to consolidate and dispose of excess special nuclear material that consumes an extraordinary amount of federal resources to meet security requirements.

For the most part, I support the plan of action described in the "preferred alternative." In particular the support for the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement (CMR-R) facility and the goals of the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) program. However, there are several areas of concern that I wish to call to the attention of the Department.

As the complex is transformed it must not measure success only in terms of floor space and manpower reductions but also in terms of enhancements to the science base that is the lifeblood of stockpile stewardship. The preferred alternative falls short in this regard. High performance computing is not supported at Sandia National Laboratory. Much needed investment in scientific facilities at Los Alamos National Laboratory, specifically the necessary refurbishment at LANSCE, is also missing. The enduring national security mission of the laboratories can only be fulfilled if their high level of scientific excellence is sustained.

Key elements of the national security mission touch on complex transformation and should also be considered. Plutonium disposition is a major U.S. nonproliferation initiative. Sustained investment in facility construction is necessary for its completion. As consolidation proceeds at the Sandia California site, its mission should be reconsidered to ensure the resulting arrangement is sustainable.

More generally, complex transformation under the "preferred alternative" will be a major undertaking. During its implementation, care must be taken to avoid unintended consequences. Job reductions of the magnitude contemplated could cripple key mission areas and must be managed carefully.

As the end of the public comment period draws near, I offer additional comments in the following attachment. Some have called for an extension to the existing comment period which, as you know, exceeds the statutory requirement. I believe the Department has met its obligations in this regard and has been highly accommodating in its pursuit of public input to date. As such there is no need to extend the comment period beyond a week or two which would only serve to delay the review process.

I encourage the Department to adopt the changes I recommend and proceed quickly with its decision on the SPEIS so that we can begin to realize the benefits of a more capable and responsive infrastructure that we both desire.

Sincerely,



Pete V. Domenici
United States Senator

Cc: Jeff Kupfer, Acting Deputy Secretary
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Comments on the SPEIS for Complex Transformation Senator Pete V. Domenici

CMR-R

I support consolidating the remaining plutonium operations at Los Alamos, which since its inception during the Manhattan project, has been the leading plutonium research facility in the U.S. Independent analyses also demonstrate that completion of all three phases of the CMR-R facility as proposed in the "preferred alternative" is the most cost effective solution. The construction of this facility will be costly, but it is primarily due to high security and safety requirements, including seismic and state-of-the-art air handling requirements.

Worker safety and security are two areas where we must not cut corners. It is unacceptable to continue to utilize the existing CMR facility any longer than absolutely necessary. This facility was built in 1952 and doesn't provide modern safety and security features that the New Mexico workforce deserves and should expect. The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has directed the NNSA to close the existing facility by 2010 for safety reasons.

Today, Los Alamos serves as the only pit manufacturing capability in the nation, albeit at a fraction of the capacity that was maintained at the Rocky Flats plant in Colorado. So long as our country maintains a nuclear deterrent, we will need some basic level of production capacity to support that mission.

Opponents have incorrectly argued that the CMR-R facility constitutes a new pit production facility at Los Alamos. This is not accurate, and I believe a deliberate attempt to confuse the issue. NNSA has been very clear that the only location in the complex that will manufacture nuclear pits will be Technical Area 55 and not CMR-R. The new facility will provide essential chemistry and analytical support to the existing production mission in Technical Area 55 behind the security perimeter.

With regard to the pit production capacity, it is important to note that Congress has given careful consideration to this matter. In the fiscal 2006 Energy and Water Conference, we eliminated the funding for a new modern pit facility. In fiscal year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 110-161), Congress directed the NNSA to limit their potential pit production capacity to no greater than 80 pits per year. This is consistent with the "preferred alternative," which proposes a production capacity of 50-80 pits per year.

RRW

I believe that the RRW study, which Congress initiated in the fiscal year 2005, has enabled scientists and policy makers to consider even safer, more secure and ultimately

lower cost ways to produce the replacement systems necessary for our stockpile, all while maintaining the high level of reliability demanded. Design changes can reduce the complexity of the stockpile and the national infrastructure that supports it. The prospect for enhanced use controls is particularly attractive. Completion of the RRW feasibility study will enable policy makers to make informed, rather than emotional, decisions about the nuclear deterrent.

I am encouraged by the Department's efforts to minimize the use of hazardous materials in the weapons complex. It is imperative that the Department continue to pursue technology improvements as part of the life extension program that will improve worker safety. The integration of improved warhead security features should also be a priority.

High Performance Computing

I find no scientific or economic justification for discontinuing the investment in high performance computing and simulation capability at each of the three national security laboratories. Despite its claim to support a capability based approach, the SPIES undermines Sandia National Laboratories computing capability without any explanation of how the lab will compensate for this loss.

Moreover, there is no strategy within any of the supporting documents that provides a long-term vision for advanced computing architecture and algorithm development necessary to sustain NNSA's leadership in world class computing and simulation. Development of the high performance computing capabilities by the three national labs has made the stockpile stewardship program a success and enabled the U.S. to maintain a moratorium on underground testing. It would be unwise to neglect this vital capability.

The Department should reject its proposal to consolidate its computing investments from three to two laboratories, and instead should outline a strategy to sustain the long term investments at each of the labs and to develop a joint research and development program between NNSA, the Office of Science and U.S. industrial partners to drive the development of advanced computing architectures and algorithms consistent with the direction of the fiscal year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations. Further, the NNSA should specifically address the computing needs of the nonproliferation programs, which require different data processing and algorithms.

LANSCE

The SPEIS does not give adequate consideration to the investment in the overall science mission necessary to sustain cutting edge science at the national laboratories. The NNSA should be commended for its support of the existing facilities, including Z Machine, the National Ignition Facility, DARHT, and MESA. All of which already, or soon will, contribute to the science-based stockpile stewardship program as well as broader scientific and energy research endeavors.

However, facilities such as the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center, which supports both weapons and non-weapons missions, need a long term investment strategy to ensure their availability for Stockpile Stewardship activities and to serve as a magnet to attract top scientists. I believe that Los Alamos is well positioned to lead advanced research and development efforts focused on evaluating material behavior in extreme environments including high radiation and pressures.

I suggest that the NNSA develop and implement a long-term science strategy for each of the three laboratories, similar to the 20 year investment strategy developed by the Office of Science, including a specific plan to invest in near term science capabilities at Los Alamos.

MOX

In order to achieve lasting savings from complex consolidation, excess nuclear material must have a final disposition pathway. It has long been decided that the Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) Facility under construction at the Savannah River Site, South Carolina, would transform our nation's surplus plutonium into civilian reactor fuel. The successful execution of this program is important in terms of fulfilling our international nonproliferation commitments as well. There continue to be difficulties in maintaining progress with this effort. The Department should do all it can to ensure that the MOX facility is completed and the plutonium disposition program proceeds on schedule.

Sandia California Site

I believe that the NNSA should take a more strategic view of its plans under the "preferred alternative" for the Sandia California site. I support the proposed consolidation of the classified activities and weapons engineering mission to a fewer number of buildings on the site, thus reducing the overall security footprint. However, in doing so the mission for the remainder of the site needs better definition. An effort should be made to ensure its sustainability through the joint efforts of NNSA and DOE.

I recommend the Department build upon the existing capabilities of the state-of-the-art Combustion Research Facility on the site. By integrating the relevant offices within the Department of Energy, as well as engaging university and private sector participants in the San Francisco Bay area, the Department can promote a collaborative effort to transform our transportation sector through a combination of basic and applied science. Sandia California, can also serve as a major location for collaboration for non-weapons scientific research within Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, similar to the gateways provided by the Office of Science nanotechnology centers.

Comment Period

Based on the high degree of public engagement that has been achieved, evidenced by the large number of comments received during the comment period on the Notice of Intent and the well attended meetings conducted across New Mexico on the SPEIS, I believe the

NNSA has provided adequate time for public comment and review and should not extend the comment period beyond a week or two.

The Department of Energy and the NNSA, along with the national laboratories and the manufacturing facilities in the complex, have worked very hard to develop a proposal for complex transformation that was inclusive of a wide range of views and opinions. Beginning in October 2006 the NNSA published its first Notice of Intent, which outlined the initial draft of the Complex Transformation proposal. After digesting 33,000 written requests and conducting 12 separate hearings at each site, the NNSA published the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in December 2007, which incorporated several recommendations from the public comments.

While the National Environmental Policy Act requires a 45 day minimum comment period, the NNSA has provided 90 days for review and comment since its release and in the end will have conducted 20 community meetings nationwide, including 7 hearings in New Mexico. I also appreciate the fact that you expanded the site hearings to include Espanola, New Mexico, a community that contributes heavily to the laboratory workforce and its success as a scientific center of excellence.

Taken together the Department has gone out of its way to solicit and accommodate input from the public. I trust that it will take these comments into account as it moves forward, acting on them where appropriate as it has done in the past.

HARRY REID
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Ms. Pat Worthington, Director
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Dear Mr. Hallmark, Mr. Elliott, and Ms. Worthington:

I am writing to you to obtain clarification on the treatment of certain locations in Nevada under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). In light of the ongoing processing of EEOICPA claims and the pending Nevada Test Site (NTS) Special Exposure Cohort Petition (SEC-00084), I urge you to resolve the uncertainties discussed in this letter as soon as possible.

The mission of the program is to provide compensation and health benefits to eligible Department of Energy (DOE) employees, contractors, or subcontractors who developed illnesses as a result of their employment at a DOE facility. Under the statute, eligible facilities include any building, structure, or premise, including the grounds upon which such building, structure, or premise is located, (1) in which operations are, or have been, conducted by, or on behalf of, the DOE; or (2) with regard to which DOE has or had a proprietary interest or entered into a contract with an entity to provide management and operation, management and integration.

As you know, one of DOE's roles in implementing the program is maintaining a list of these eligible facilities. The DOE's database, which currently includes six locations in Nevada, is silent on certain nearby places where former NTS employees may have entered as part of their

Senator Harry Reid - Page 2

work and incurred harmful occupational exposures. There is one such area that was withdrawn from public use in 1958 by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, a predecessor agency to the DOE, under Public Land Order 1662. Although DOE is no longer active in this area today, NTS workers have filed EEOICPA claims citing work activities performed there at the time it was under DOE administration. Unfortunately, the eligibility status of this area remains unclear, although NIOSH has indicated that dose reconstructions based on dosimeter badge readings from NTS could potentially include doses incurred there.

As such, I am asking you to formally clarify exactly how your agency is interpreting the EEOICPA statute with respect to the occupational exposures experienced at locations that are currently excluded from DOE's database. In addition, please provide an accounting of how affected claims in the past, present, and future were or will be processed to ensure a claimant-friendly outcome.

Definitive guidance is needed now more than ever, especially given the inadequate and contradictory information provided thus far. While NIOSH depends on a determination by DOL and DOE on what is a covered facility and what constitutes covered employment, my understanding is that DOL is still awaiting a response from DOE regarding DOE's operations in certain areas in Nevada. Most recently, when asked by a member of the public during the recent 54th meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, DOL officials simply answered that they could not respond.

It is unacceptable that eight years after the enactment of EEOICPA, the public must be kept in the dark about such basic questions. Moreover, I am concerned that individual claim adjudication, the development of Technical Basis Documents for the NTS, and the NTS Special Exposure Cohort Petition evaluation have moved forward even as uncertainties about the application of EEOICPA to key areas remain unresolved. Our Cold War veterans deserve better.

My constituents and I look forward to your full and prompt written response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
United States Senator

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Mr. Thomas P. D'Agostino
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Dear Administrator D'Agostino,

I wanted to contact you about the future of the Tonopah Test Range (TTR) and the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) operations in Nye County, Nevada. I am very concerned in assuring both the future of the NNSA in Nevada, as well as maintaining the vitality and utility of the TTR and Nevada Test Site (NTS) as integral and important parts of our critical national security efforts. Since the 1950's, the TTR has been an important proving ground for various nuclear and conventional weapons systems developed by the United States. My hope is that the TTR and Nevada will continue as fundamental parts of the national defense infrastructure.

However, recent reports indicate that the NNSA is undergoing a Nuclear Weapons Complex Transformation and is considering relocating important operations and activities out of Nevada to other locations in other states. I oppose this plan. Nevada has long served this nation's various defense programs and that service should be respected. As the U.S. Representative for Nevada's Second District, in which both the NTS and TTR are located, I strongly support continued military research and development programs that utilize these facilities, and would be seriously concerned to see the NNSA move TTR operations out of my state and district.

I applaud the NNSA's desire for increased efficiency, and believe that a solution exists to keep TTR operations in Nevada as part of any transformation process. I would support NNSA restructuring the programs at the TTR through a new agreement with the U.S. Air Force. By efficiently utilizing the resources at the TTR, I believe that the NNSA can continue to benefit from Nevada's well developed military infrastructure and highly skilled workforce, and the TTR can continue to contribute to the nation's defense.

I trust that you share my support for a strong national defense and robust defense research, which is critical to the future of our nation. Nevada and the TTR have been a leader in that goal in the past, and should remain so in the future. I look forward to working with you, the Agency and the Department as you evaluate the options.

Sincerely,


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April 30, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
 Secretary
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I am writing to follow up on my letter to you dated January 22, in which I urged you to expedite the removal of spent fuel from a General Atomics nuclear research reactor site in La Jolla, California. As that letter explained, there are many reasons why the spent fuel at the La Jolla site is unique, and there is a compelling need for the fuel to be removed. The letter also explained why this issue is vastly different from the realm of civilian nuclear reactor waste.

To date I have not received a response to my January 22 letter. However, recently I received a letter from the Department of Justice on this issue (attached). In its letter DOJ explains that it has not told DOE that the removal of this spent nuclear fuel would prejudice DOJ's pending litigation relating to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. The letter further makes clear that DOJ believes it is up to DOE to decide whether to accept the spent nuclear fuel from the La Jolla site.

Now that DOJ has indicated it will not stand in the way, the time has come for DOE to act. For these and all the reasons stated in my previous letter, I believe DOE can and should move urgently to transfer this spent nuclear fuel to a DOE facility. Existing authority under the Atomic Energy

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman

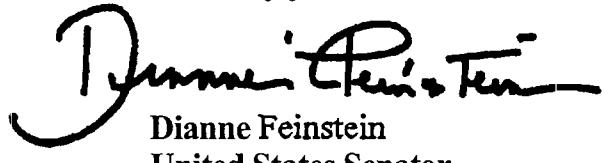
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Act, supported by a DOE Record of Decision amendment in 1996 that authorized shipments of spent fuel from General Atomics, provides the necessary basis for the transfer.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: Dr. Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Enclosure

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April 3^m 2008

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

This responds to your letter, dated January 22, 2008, to the Attorney General regarding the removal of spent nuclear fuel (SNF) from a nuclear research reactor, owned by General Atomics, in La Jolla, California. The Department of Justice (DOJ) did not receive your letter until February 7, 2008. We apologize for the delay in our response.

Your letter suggests that the Department of Energy (DOE) should accept General Atomics' SNF immediately under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act (AEA), 42 U.S.C. § 2013-2297g. You further express a concern that DOJ may be precluding DOE from accepting the SNF in an attempt to avoid any prejudice to the Federal Government's position in litigation currently pending in the United States Court of Federal Claims.

With regard to your understanding that DOJ "may have concerns about whether the removal of [General Atomics'] spent fuel would prejudice the government's position" in pending litigation, please be assured that we have expressed no such position to DOE. With regard to issues surrounding whether DOE has sufficient justification to remove General Atomics' SNF at this time under the auspices of the AEA, that determination is one that DOE itself must make. DOE is the agency with the expertise in and responsibility for evaluating nuclear waste safety and storage issues, and any acceptance of SNF from any SNF disposal contract holder must, of course, be conducted in accordance with existing law.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of assistance with future matters.

Sincerely,

Brian A. Benczkowski
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The Honorable George W. Bush
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 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

I write to express my grave concern regarding the potential submission to Congress of an Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation that you have negotiated with the Russian Federation. I believe that seeking the approval of Congress for nuclear cooperation with Russia without first addressing the numerous outstanding questions regarding Russia's assistance to Iran in the fields of nuclear energy and missile technology is a prescription for an unnecessarily divisive debate, which is in neither U.S. nor Russian interests.

On April 16, 2008, the House Energy and Commerce Committee submitted Questions for the Record to Secretary of Energy Samuel Bodman. Included in this package were seven questions from me regarding recent revelations that the same Russian research institutes which receive DOE nonproliferation funding are engaged in assisting Iran's nuclear program. As we all know, money is fungible, and I am extremely concerned that U.S. taxpayer dollars that are supposed to be making the world safer by redirecting former Soviet WMD scientists to peaceful activities may in fact be indirectly assisting Iran's nuclear program. I asked the Department to provide a legal analysis of whether this program is in full compliance with the Cox-Markey Amendment of 2005, which bars nuclear trade, whether direct or indirect, to countries named by the Department of State as State Sponsors of Terror. As you know, Iran has topped that list for many years. Secretary Bodman's responses to these questions are due on May 26, 2008. I urge you to not submit any Agreement for Nuclear Cooperation with Russia to the Congress for approval until Secretary Bodman responds in full to the questions that have been raised about Russian nuclear cooperation with Iran.

More generally, it would be a mistake for the United States to provide Russia an important civilian nuclear benefit while Moscow itself continues to assist Iran's nuclear and missile programs. Only last year, the Director for National Intelligence confirmed that Russia continues to assist both programs.

In addition, according to recent press reports, Azerbaijan has halted a shipment of Russian nuclear equipment bound for Iran pending a determination of whether the shipment violates United Nations Security Council sanctions on Iran.

All of these issues need to be properly addressed and resolved before we proceed to finalize a nuclear cooperation agreement with Moscow. It certainly is a mistake to argue, as some Administration officials have already, that we must formalize a nuclear cooperation agreement with Russia to promote the Global Nuclear Energy Program or to stand up an international nuclear fuel bank. Both efforts can proceed without such an agreement. More importantly, if Russian assistance to Iran's nuclear and missile programs are not openly acknowledged and properly challenged, our efforts to halt Iran's steady march towards a nuclear weapons capability become far less likely to succeed.

I look forward to working with you on these important matters.

Sincerely,



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May 7, 2008

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President:

We understand that the Administration has negotiated an Agreement for Cooperation Regarding the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (123 Agreement) with the Russian Federation, which you may sign and subsequently submit to Congress. Section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-703) delegates to the Executive the authority to negotiate such Agreements and provides for Congressional review.

The U.S.-Russia Strategic Framework Declaration that was announced by you with President Putin on April 6, 2008, states that the parties will sign and bring into force this Agreement "to create the necessary legal basis for our cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy," and will permit "the transfer of nuclear materials, reactors and major reactor components between our two countries" that will "further cooperation under bilateral programs" such as "the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership."

While we strongly support the expansion of a strategic partnership with Russia, sending this Agreement to Congress before key questions are answered will most assuredly raise Congressional and public objections that could defeat the ultimate purpose of such an initiative, to improve and solidify our relations with Russia.

When the House of Representatives passed the Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007 (H.R. 1400), it prohibited Agreements for Cooperation between the United States and any country which is assisting Iran's nuclear and missile programs. The bill, which was approved by the House by a vote of 397-16 on September 25, 2007, specifically states that no such Agreement shall "be submitted to the President or to Congress" and "enter into force with such country" unless the (1) President reports that Iran has ceased its efforts to design or acquire a nuclear explosive, or (2) nuclear and missile assistance to Iran has been terminated by such country.

The President of the United States

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Although the Senate has yet to act on this legislation, H.R. 1400 clearly reflects the bipartisan concern of the House regarding continued U.S. nuclear cooperation with countries that in any manner support the current Iranian regime's pursuit of technologies and materials for a nuclear program whose objectives remain uncertain. Moreover, unless a major change has occurred in Russian support for Iranian nuclear and missile programs since last September, it is highly questionable to send Congress the 123 agreement without first assuring the Congress and the American people that Russia is conforming to the letter, as well as the spirit, of H.R. 1400.

Outlined below are three areas of concern that your Administration should publicly address before this Agreement is sent to Congress.

I. Risk of Technology Diversion to Countries of Proliferation Concern

Congress needs detailed information regarding Russian ability to limit the flow of nuclear technologies from its industrial base and research institutes to countries of proliferation concern such as Iran. Investigations conducted by the Committee on Energy and Commerce uncovered Russian nuclear institutes, who while receiving nonproliferation funds from the Department of Energy (DOE) to help redirect former weapons scientists away from work in countries of proliferation concern, were also selling nuclear technology to Iran.

In some cases, DOE officials were unaware of the activities of the Russian institutes with and in Iran until after these projects were completed. We have learned that DOE's nonproliferation program appears to have been so loosely run that the Department only focused on this problem once this Committee brought it to their attention by providing publicly available advertisements from Russian nuclear institutes. Whether Russian nuclear institutes continue to assist other countries of proliferation concern is unclear, since DOE has not yet responded to this Committee's request for information on this matter. If DOE lacks adequate information about the activities of institutes receiving U.S. funds, how can Congress be assured that your new proposal will not lead to the diversion of nuclear technologies and materials to countries of proliferation concern?

II. Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP)

Pursuant to this Committee's jurisdiction over civilian nuclear energy, we have an ongoing investigation of GNEP, a program involving the recycling of plutonium, separated from spent-reactor fuel, for use in a new generation of nuclear reactors. Our inquiry revealed that there is still no consensus as to whether the United States should depart from a 30-year nonproliferation policy that prohibits the reprocessing of nuclear fuel. Commercial reprocessing in the United Kingdom, France, Japan, and Russia has resulted in the accumulation of more than 150 metric tons of separated plutonium that can be used to make nuclear weapons, exacerbating the risk of terrorists gaining access to this material. Similarly, DOE's plans for GNEP would also result in material that could be processed for use into nuclear weapons.

At a time when the United States is seeking to limit the spread of reprocessing technology and expertise to other countries, resuming reprocessing would reverse decades of U.S. leadership that contributed to countries such as Argentina, Brazil, South Korea, and Taiwan abandoning their reprocessing ambitions. If we commit to developing GNEP with Russia, as authorized by your proposed 123 Agreement, does this imply that the U.S. is abandoning deep geologic disposal, which is viewed by many experts as the most proliferation-resistant form of disposal?

We are particularly troubled that your proposed 123 Agreement with Russia encourages greater cooperation on the GNEP program, while DOE has yet to develop a proliferation risk assessment for GNEP. Is it premature to enter into an international agreement on nuclear cooperation, predicated upon the GNEP program, before the proliferation risks of GNEP have been assessed?

GNEP technology is in a research and development phase, and is decades away from maturity. Taxpayer costs have yet to be assessed. Given the consistently deep cuts to the Administration's budget requests for GNEP, is it premature to submit this Agreement with Russia to the Congress when there is little consensus that GNEP will be pursued, in its current form, beyond the end of this Administration? Will this 123 Agreement implicitly bind the U.S. to a long-term joint venture with Russia involving yet-to-be developed technologies?

III. Assessment of Russian Assistance to Iran

Prior to consideration of this Agreement, Congress needs a detailed assessment of Russian assistance to all aspects of Iran's nuclear and missile programs. Our concern reaches beyond the potential re-transfer of technology from Russia to Iran and other nations of proliferation concern. We want assurance that Russia's support for the Iranian nuclear and missile programs are not at odds with our nuclear nonproliferation policy with respect to Iran.

While it is encouraging that Russia has a fuel take-back arrangement for the Buhsher reactor, this is insufficient for a country that has had nuclear weapons ambitions. We believe that Russia should not transfer technology and materials to Iran until we can verify, through real-time video monitoring or unannounced International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) spot inspections, that such technology and materials will not be diverted by Iran for weapons-related purposes.

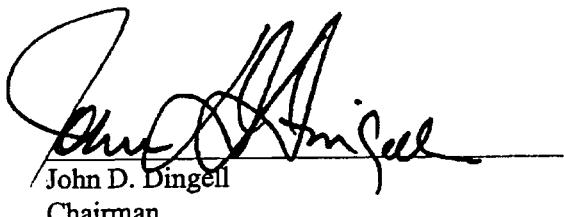
In addition, we have concerns about the training of Iranian scientists and engineers by Russia, regardless of the location of that training. To what degree does such training occur today, and how much has occurred over the last 36 months? In what ways might this training advance Iran's nuclear or missile programs?

Prior to transmitting this Agreement and setting off the 90-day clock for Congressional review, we urge you to address these questions regarding the need, justification, and timing of this Agreement. A failure to engage Congressional concerns on these issues would needlessly

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imperil an opportunity to advance our shared goal of strengthening the U.S.-Russia partnership.
We look forward to working with you to assure that all of these issues are properly addressed.

Sincerely,



John D. Dingell
Chairman



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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary
U.S. Department of State

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary
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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Ranking Member
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 27, 2008

Mr. Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We have recently learned that the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has announced plans to transfer up to 198 NNSA federal and contractor staff from Germantown, Maryland to the Forrestal Building in Washington, D.C.

Unless a strong justification and cost savings can be shown, we are concerned that this move will not benefit the Department or the NNSA but will, in fact, weaken it by imposing sufficiently severe hardships that many employees will choose either to leave NNSA for other employment or to retire. We understand that NNSA management is already concerned that many of its staff with critical skills may retire over the next four years and is actively trying to fill this looming skills gap. If the move to the Forrestal Building causes a high number of employees to leave NNSA, this experience gap will only be exacerbated as even more new employees await their security clearances and slowly acquire the requisite skills and experience.

This relocation decision also has a tremendous impact both on environment and "quality of life" issues for the affected employees. Commuting time for many of the employees would increase by two to three hours each day, at a cost of several thousand dollars per year per employee for transportation and parking. The extended commutes would also increase energy consumption and adversely impact the environment, at a time when you, as Secretary of Energy, have launched a highly publicized "Transformational Energy Action Management" Initiative for the Department. The forced relocation is also inconsistent with legislation enacted in 2000 that established telework requirements for the federal government (P.L. 106-346).

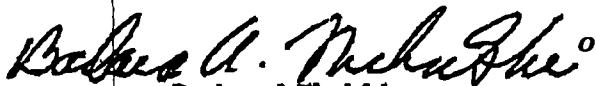
We are deeply concerned about the effects of this relocation on the workforce and would appreciate your providing us with information about this decision, including responses to the questions below.

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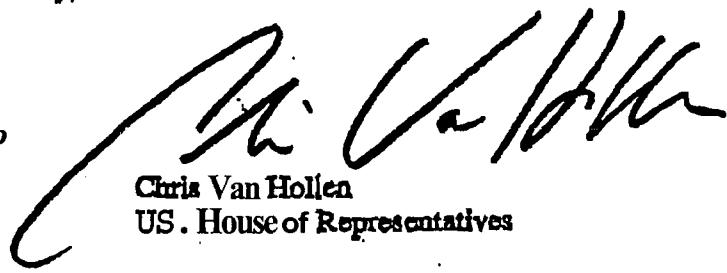
- When was this relocation decision made and when was it communicated to the affected employees? Did the employees have an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process?
- What is the rationale for this move?
- Does the Department of Energy anticipate a cost savings from this move? If so, please provide me with the specific details of the anticipated savings and whether a formal cost-benefit analysis has been conducted. Please provide me with a copy of any such analysis.
- Has the Department conducted a survey of the affected employees to determine how this proposal will affect their commuting patterns, or their decisions to accept the transfer or terminate their employment with the Department? If not, does the Department plan to conduct such a study and what impact, if any, would such information have on the decision to proceed with this relocation?

As noted above, we are very concerned that this planned relocation will impose severe costs that must be balanced against any potential benefits, including any short or long-term effects on the safe management of the nuclear weapons complex. We have been advised that this transfer is planned to occur within the next 120 days. Given that short timeframe, we would appreciate your responding to these issues as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,



Barbara Mikulski
U.S. Senate



Chris Van Hollen
US. House of Representatives

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June 5, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Thank you for your reply to my letters of January 22 and April 30. I welcome the Department's decision to review whether it has justification to take custody of the spent nuclear fuel from the General Atomics research reactor site in La Jolla, California.

I am concerned, however, that the Department may ultimately decide to take only part of the spent nuclear fuel from the site. The La Jolla site contains both highly enriched uranium (HEU) and low enriched uranium (LEU), but your letter of April 30 refers only to the HEU and suggests that DOE is evaluating whether to take custody of "this fuel."

I strongly urge the Department to remove all of the spent nuclear fuel – both HEU and LEU – from the site. As noted in my letter of January 22, the LEU on the site could be attractive to terrorists for potential use in a "dirty bomb." This risk, which is unacceptable in a densely populated area that contains important military and research installations, would persist for many years if DOE misses the opportunity to remove the LEU together with the HEU.

Moreover, it would be inefficient to remove the HEU and LEU separately. A subsequent shipment of LEU from the site would require additional planning, would impose additional costs, and would unnecessarily repeat the safety risks that accompany any shipment of nuclear waste. By contrast, the incremental costs of removing the LEU together with the HEU at this time would be small.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
June 5, 2008
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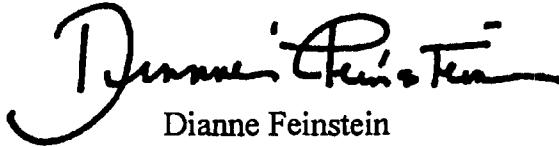
It is my understanding that DOE has already set a precedent of removing U.S.-origin LEU, in addition to HEU, from foreign reactor sites for safety reasons. And finally, both the HEU and the LEU at the La Jolla site were primarily used for government research programs. Thus, neither type of spent fuel at the site is analogous to the civilian nuclear power reactor fuel that is intended for storage at Yucca Mountain under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

For all of these reasons, my letter of January 22 did not simply urge the removal of the HEU – it urged DOE to remove all the spent nuclear fuel from the site. Similarly, when the Department of Justice wrote its letter to me on April 3 and stated that it had no reservations about DOE removing this spent fuel, DOJ drew no distinction between the HEU and the LEU.

Removing all the spent fuel from the La Jolla site is the most logical and efficient solution to this problem, and I urge DOE to do so promptly. It would reduce the number of sites containing sensitive nuclear materials, with tangible benefits to our national security. It would also allow this site – at which valuable research was performed for the government – to be cleaned up and converted to a new use.

I look forward to your decision, and again, I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: Dr. Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 1

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: June 19, 2008

Response Date: June 27, 2008

Staff Contact: Maurice Mallin / (703) 699-2865 / maurice.mallin@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

A. Please make available the following individuals for an interview with the Commission:

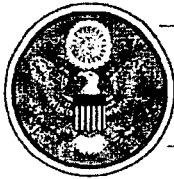
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To schedule an interview, please contact the Staff Contact referenced above. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission's General Counsel, Raj De, at rajesh.de@wso.whs.mil or at 703-699-2883.

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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 3

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: June 24, 2008

Response Date: June 30, 2008

Staff Contact: Maurice Mallin / (703) 699-2865 / maurice.mallin@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

A. Please make available the following individuals for an interview with the Commission:

1. Will Tobey, Deputy Administrator
2. Ken Baker, Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator

To schedule an interview, please contact the Staff Contact referenced above. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission's General Counsel, Raj De, at rajesh.de@wso.whs.mil or at 703-699-2883.

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

June 18, 2008

Thomas P. D'Agostino
Undersecretary for Nuclear Security/NNSA Administrator
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Re: FY2008 Funding for UNLV Records Management Program

Dear Administrator D'Agostino:

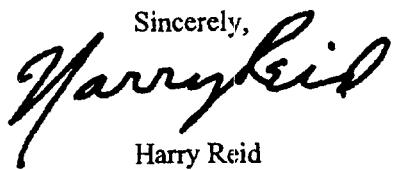
I am writing to request that you include the DOE Electronic Records Management Program in future NNSA budgets. The Program was started in 2001 to preserve DOE's worker safety and health records in digital form. Today, the records management system is almost complete, and with minimal further investment could help the NNSA and the DOE solve some of the most challenging recordkeeping problems, including moving the Agencies decisively towards digital recordkeeping.

For the last several years, UNLV has been using some of its project development funding to scan and preserve Nevada Site Office worker safety and health records. This work originally supported necessary research and also gave UNLV an initial database of documents with which to test and demonstrate the records management system. However, the database has also become a useful tool for DOE to respond to the many document requests it receives from ill workers seeking compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). Nevada Site Office employees are using the system right now to retrieve records much more efficiently than would be possible if searches had to be accomplished manually. The UNLV system is providing a significant current benefit to the Agency.

In spite of its benefits to the Nevada Site Office, DOE has not yet included the UNLV program in its budgeting; rather, funding has come from annual appropriations bills. However, the program did not receive funding during the last two fiscal years. I have strongly supported this program and would like to see NNSA budget for it to consistently meet future recordkeeping challenges. I understand that your staff has initiated an evaluation of the UNLV program, and is considering, among other things, whether to budget for the UNLV program or to utilize instead one or more commercially available products to meet future record management needs. I welcome that evaluation, and feel it is long overdue. I encourage NNSA to take the time necessary to conduct its inquiry thoroughly, and to pursue the solution that on its merits best (and most cost-effectively) addresses NNSA's records management needs.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and encourage you to contact me or Bob Herbert/Alex McDonough of my staff (202-224-3542) if you have any question or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Reid".

Harry Reid

cc: Mr. William Ostendorff
Mr. Michael C. Kane
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Mr. Frank Russo



COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 6

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: July 17, 2008

Response Date: July 24, 2008

Staff Contact: Maurice Mallin / (703) 699-2865 / maurice.mallin@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

A. Please make available the following individuals for an interview with the Commission:

1. Samuel Bodman
2. Thomas D'Agostino

To schedule an interview, please contact the Staff Contact referenced above. If you have any questions, please contact the Commission's General Counsel, Raj De, at rajesh.de@wso.whs.mil or at 703-699-2883.

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President George W. Bush
The White House
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June 18, 2008

Dear President Bush,

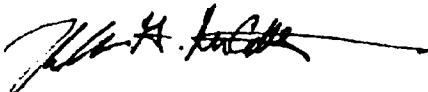
It has come to the attention of Congress, your administration has approved the export of sensitive security and military equipment and technology to communist China to enhance the security monitoring for the 2008 Olympic Games. While the intention to protect our Olympic athletes and all Olympic competitors and spectators is noble, the transfer of sensitive equipment and technology to communist China has raised concerns on Capitol Hill.

As you know, the transfer of security equipment, crime control and detection instruments, and military equipment, parts, and technology to communist China is regulated by Section 902 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (P.L. 101-246; 22 U.S.C. 2151) and by Executive Order 13222, issued August 17, 2001, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 203 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (P.L. 95-223; 50 U.S.C. 1702). Given communist China's massive military build-up, lack of military transparency, continued espionage to acquire United States defense intelligence, and history of proliferating weapons and weapons related technology, it is important this recent transaction receive Congressional oversight.

Furthermore, in light of communist China's severe and continuing repression of its people, this transfer could pose a profound moral problem if communist China uses American-designed advanced technologies to repress the Chinese people in the name of security. Tragically, this consideration is not merely hypothetical. At present, communist China brutally persecutes its Uyghur citizens under the guise of counterterrorism. Additionally, communist Chinese authorities aggressively pursue members of the Falun Gong spiritual movement, which the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) considers an "evil cult" and an ideological enemy.

Thus, to perform our Constitutional duty to exercise oversight of the sensitive equipment and technology transfer to communist China, we urge you to inform Congress of the details of this export arrangement.

Respectfully,



Thaddeus G. McCotter
Member of Congress

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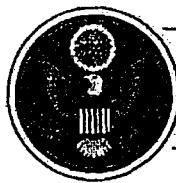
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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 8

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: August 5, 2008

Response Date: August 11, 2008

Staff Contact: Maurice Mallin / (703) 699-2865 / maurice.mallin@wso.whs.mil

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Please provide the Commission with the following documents:

1. Comprehensive Nuclear Threat Reduction and Security Plan

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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 9

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: August 5, 2008

Response Date: August 11, 2008

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1. The WMD Commission requests DOE/NNSA to provide its lessons learned with respect to MPC&A in the FSU or other physical protection activities to strengthen security of nuclear materials and facilities world wide as it has been applied to activities South Asia. We request an integrated briefing that draws on all DOE and NNSA elements for securing both nuclear and radiological materials.

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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 10

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: August 19, 2008

Response Date: August 26, 2008

Staff Contact: Jennifer Boone, (703) 699-2885, Jennifer.Boone@wso.whs.mil

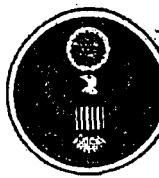
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1. An organizational chart reflecting all agencies, sections, offices, or any other elements within the Department of Energy with responsibilities relating to WMD proliferation or terrorism.
2. The number of Policy Coordinating Committees (PCCs), sub-PCCs, working groups, advisory groups, action groups, or other interagency policy groups relating to WMD proliferation or terrorism that DOE is required to or invited to attend on an annual, semi-annual, quarterly, bi-monthly, monthly, bi-weekly, weekly, or other regular or as needed basis. For example, how many groups meet on a monthly basis and how many of those groups are proliferation focused? How many are terrorism focused?

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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE-11

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: 8/20/08

Response Date: 8/27/08

Staff Contact: Monte Mallin, (703) 699-2865, monte.mallin@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

A. Please provide the Commission with the following information:

1. DOE's standards and policies for securing nuclear materials and facilities domestically, including information relating to DOE's facilities and national labs.
2. DOE's standards and policies for securing nuclear materials and facilities internationally, including information relating to DOE's Global Threat Reduction Initiative and Material Protection, Control and Accounting programs

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COMMISSION ON THE PREVENTION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION PROLIFERATION AND TERRORISM

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No. DOE - 12

Department/Agency: Department of Energy

Date of Request: August 28, 2008

Response Date: September 5, 2008

Staff Contact: Georgia Adams, (703) 699-2886, Georgia.Adams.ctr@wso.whs.mil

Pursuant to Section 1851(d)(1) of Public Law 110-53, you are requested to provide the following information to the Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation and Terrorism ("Commission") by the Response Date referenced above.

Please provide the Commission with the following information:

1. Progress on implementing the recommendations included in the report titled, "A Report Card on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs with Russia"
2. Status of efforts to revise The Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities (INFCIRC/225/Rev. 4)

Please make available the following individual for a follow-up interview with the Commission:

1. David Huizenga

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September 8, 2008

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Dear Theodore:

Thank you for contacting me regarding Los Alamos National Laboratory. I appreciate hearing from you on this very important issue.

During my nearly ten years of service in Congress, I have proudly and strongly represented Los Alamos National Laboratory and its workers. The scientists at Los Alamos and Sandia National Labs conduct some of the greatest research in the world, and they are an integral part of our national defense. These men and women take enormous pride in their mission, they understand the unique undertaking of the Labs, and it is my honor to represent them.

Throughout my career I have fought to protect Los Alamos and Sandia National Laboratories because of their critical role ensuring American security and the vital economic foundation they provide for New Mexico. As we look to the future, it is important that our labs are prepared to face the changing national security threats now facing our country.

For more than a year, I have worked with our labs to encourage growth in new areas of research as a way to ensure their long-term viability and to move towards the future. In addition to their indispensable role maintaining our nuclear arsenal, I believe the labs' work should grow in the areas of nuclear nonproliferation, homeland security, counterterrorism, intelligence analysis and expanded energy research. It is also essential that adequate funding is provided for the cleanup of hazardous legacy waste from the labs.

A vision paper recently released by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) addressed the need for broader missions at their labs, including Los Alamos and Sandia National Labs. These statements on diversification suggest that the Administration is ready to make the changes I've been advocating that will keep Los Alamos and Sandia strong for years to come. I am pleased that the NNSA has agreed with my assessment of the future of our national labs.

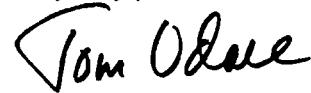
On June 25, 2008 the House Energy and Water Subcommittee's Appropriations proposal was brought before the full committee for a vote. Although this legislation contains many good provisions, it does not provide a clear path to the future for our national laboratories, and I could not support it. This bill cuts critical programs that are essential to the strength of our labs and the security of our nation. At a time

when NNSA is showing that it will move towards diversification, it would be irresponsible to make the cuts that the Energy and Water Subcommittee has proposed. Congress needs to provide the resources to assist NNSA in its efforts

As always, I will continue to stand up and do what's right for New Mexico and our national laboratories. By funding new research and development, we can spur job growth and create the critical national security, and energy jobs of the future at Los Alamos and Sandia National Labs. I will continue to fight every step of the way so our labs can rise to meet these new challenges.

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me. Please feel free to contact me with concerns about any federal issue. You may visit my website at www.tomudall.house.gov for more information.

Very truly yours,



Tom Udall
Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 202(b), Public Law 601, 79th Congress (codified at 2 U.S.C. §72 a (b)), this Staff has been directed by the Committee on Appropriations to make an inquiry of the physical security at the Nuclear Weapons Laboratories now storing or working with Category I or II nuclear material.

Please designate an appropriate point of contact to arrange for obtaining the data pertinent to this inquiry and notify my office by telephone within five business days of the receipt of this letter. If there are any questions regarding this matter, I can be contacted on (202) 225-3881.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Pomerantz
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Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing to inquire about the progress of U.S. negotiations with Russia over the disposition of their weapons grade plutonium. For well over a decade now, the U.S. has been working to solidify a path by which Russia will disposition at least 34 to 40 or more metric tons of their surplus weapons plutonium.

As you know, the original and ongoing premise of the plutonium disposition program is that the U.S. and Russia will move together to put into place the facilities needed to dispose of their respective surplus plutonium. However, with the multi-billion dollar Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel facility well under construction at Savannah River Site (SRSO), there is still no agreed upon disposition path for the Russians.

In this context, I would like you to provide answers to the following questions:

1. What is the current status of and schedule for concluding negotiations with the Russians on their plutonium disposition path?
2. At this point, what are/is the likely disposition path(s) for the Russians?
3. What is the DOE/NNSA position with regard to U.S. funding for the Russian Plutonium disposition program? My understanding is the administration's position has been that the U.S. will provide the Russians with no more than \$400 million for their disposition program. Is that correct?
4. It is my understanding that, in the face of this \$400 million limit, the Russian position on their disposition path has "hardened" around using their BN-600 fast reactor to begin the disposition, but to fully develop their next-generation BN-800 fast reactor to complete the disposition task. Is this correct?
5. Is it correct to say that in the Russian's eyes, the primary reason for developing fast reactors, including the BN800, is for the purpose of breeding plutonium for their civilian power program? If so, how is it that a U.S. contribution of \$400 million to the development of the BN-800 reactor is not

ultimately facilitating the creation of more plutonium in Russia? Notwithstanding Russian assurances of not having a fertile blanket in the BN-800 while they are burning their weapons plutonium, what guarantee do we have that the BN-800 will not ultimately be used as a breeder?

Notwithstanding Russian assurances of not reprocessing the spent surplus weapons fuel for some period of time, what guarantees do we have that this spent fuel will not ultimately be reprocessed for the purpose of extracting the remaining plutonium?

6. At this point, what other options are there for plutonium disposition in Russia?
7. Is the high temperature gas cooled reactor still a viable option? Why or why not? From the technical point of view, what advantages or disadvantages would Plutonium disposition in the high temperature gas cooled reactor have? With an aggressive program, could the Russians have a GT-MHR constructed by at least 2021 in parallel with the schedule for the Next Generation Nuclear Plant in the U.S.?
8. Since DOE is currently in the process of developing a high temperature gas cooled reactor under the Next Generation Nuclear Plant project and also has a so-called "deep burn" research and development program to utilize high temperature gas cooled reactor fuel for the destruction of nuclear waste, including plutonium, is there a possibility of a U.S. - Russian collaboration that would benefit the U.S. gas reactor program while at the same time resulting in Russian progress toward utilizing the gas cooled reactor for plutonium disposition?

Thank you in advance for your timely answers to these questions.

Sincerely,


Ellen O. Tauscher
Chairman,
Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
House Committee on Armed Services

Electricity Diversity and Energy Reliability

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1. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Peter T. King and Vito Fossella

Subject: Representatives Peter T. King and Vito Fossella urging the DOE to stand by its decision to designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors

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2. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and Jon Tester (D-MT)

Subject: Expresses concern at the slow pace of the review and encourage timely completion of the project regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd Merchant Power Transmission Line

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Sep-2008 |

3. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Subject: Urges the Department of Energy to extend the proposed reporting period for refinery disruptions to three hours from the time of the original incident

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4. Fax to OE/David Meyer from Representatives Maurice D. Hinchey, Michael A. Arcuri, and John Hall

Subject: Request that the DOE 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study include a detailed analysis of congestion chokepoints in the Lower Hudson Valley and Westchester County in New York

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5. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mary L. Landrieu (D-LA)

Subject: Request that the Secretary examine whether the Department of Energy can designate resources to restore the Calcasieu Ship Channel, home to the nation's 4th largest refinery to its designed depth of 40 feet

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6. **White House Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA)**

Subject: Request that the President employ the full range of emergency response capabilities of the DOE's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability to assist the families & businesses in the State of Louisiana who are affected by Hurricane Gustav; requests the release of the remaining LIHEAP funds

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February 25, 2008

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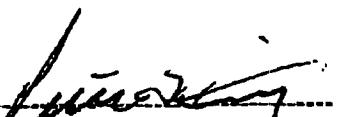
Dear Secretary Bodman:

In October of this year, the Department of Energy designated two National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (Corridors). As you know, these designations were made following a sophisticated study of the current and future demand for energy in the United States, after close consideration of thousands of comments submitted by the public and after holding more than 60 public hearings. Now, DOE has issued an order granting a rehearing on the Corridor designations. We are writing to urge you to stand by your decision to designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors.

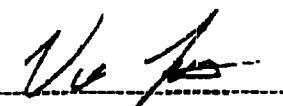
The United States must take responsible measures to provide all Americans with the energy the Country needs now, and will need in years to come. Particularly in the case of the greater New York metropolitan area, the need to produce and transmit energy is increasing beyond the rate at which the need can be met. Needed transmission projects must be permitted to move forward if the United States is to meet the energy demands to light schools, hospitals and businesses.

The National Corridors designations and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 have been debated fully and those initiatives reflect the intent of Congress to take responsible and decisive action in dealing with the energy needs of the United States. Once again, we strongly urge you to stand by your decision to designate national corridors. It is the right action to take for America's energy future and for our national security.

Sincerely,



PETER T. KING
Member of Congress



VITO JOSSELLA
Member of Congress

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 10, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write to thank you for your hard work and willingness to work with our offices and the State of Montana as the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) continues to review the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Montana Alberta Tie, Ltd. (MATL) merchant power transmission line. We appreciate the countless hours and resources that your staff has dedicated in recent weeks toward completing the final EIS. However, I also write to express my concern at the slow pace of the review and encourage timely completion of the project.

The environmental review process began in November 2005 when MATL filed a draft EIS. After DOE initially issued a draft environmental assessment (EA) in March 2007, MATL was informed on May 4, 2007 that DOE would require a fuller review than the initially published EA and that the process for a formal EIS would take approximately 20 weeks. The revised draft EIS was issued in February of this year with the public comment period ending on March 31. A total of 201 comments were received, with 90 percent in favor of the project and DOE publicly stated that a final EIS should be issued by the end of May. While we understand that the final EIS is nearing completion we urge your office to issue the final product as soon as possible.

After almost three years, the delays in the DOE review process are affecting the timing and conditions of financing for the completion of this important project. The delays have caused the project costs to increase by one-third and forced the project developers to seek additional equity financing while awaiting the final presidential permit necessary to secure permanent construction financing. This line is being constructed primarily for wind power development linking Montana to Alberta. Delays have hindered the development of more clean energy development in our region.

I appreciate your concern that the lack of transmission is one of the major impediments to the development of renewable energy resources in the United States. I respectfully request that the Department act to timely complete its regulatory responsibilities with respect to the MATL project as soon as reasonably possible consistent with its statutory mandate.

Please continue to keep me and my staff advised of the Department's progress on this vital matter. Several other large-scale transmission projects have been proposed in Montana and we look forward to working closely with the Department of Energy as those projects develop.

Sincerely,


Max Baucus


Jon Tester

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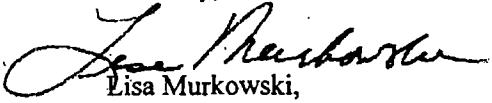
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I'm writing to express my concern regarding a recent U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposal that would require a refiner to submit a written report to the Department of Energy within 60 minutes of any emergency disruption of refinery operations. I share the Department's concerns about learning of refinery and critical infrastructure outages as soon as practicably possible. However, I am very concerned about specific aspects of the proposal, as currently drafted.

First, I'm concerned about the real and dangerous possibility that the 60-minute reporting period to submit a federal form could compete with what should be the primary focus at hand – public health and safety, including workplace safety and the safety and health of surrounding areas and neighborhoods. It makes little sense to force managers to spend time dealing with federal paperwork rather than trying to assess, respond to and to mitigate against current and future dangers to the workers and the public in such instances. I urge you to extend this proposed reporting period to three hours from the time of the original incident at a minimum.

Second, it seems that if policy makers are concerned about reporting on the loss of fuel production that we should encourage managers at the scenes of incidents to spend their time mitigating against the loss of production capacity rather than reporting about what production capacity was lost and might have been saved, but for managers being forced to fill out federal paperwork notifications too quickly. This hardly seems a rational expenditure of the staff's and manager's time when responding to an emergency production incident. I do hope that the reporting window will be lengthened when the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability proposes a formal form for refiners to use to report "unplanned" refinery outages in the near future.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski,
U.S. Senator, Alaska

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 10, 2008

Mr. David Meyer
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Re: 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study

Dear Mr. Meyer:

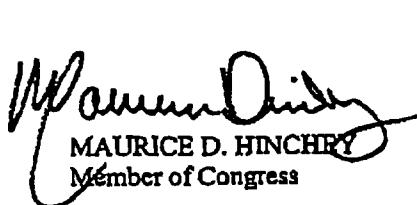
As the Department of Energy (DOE) begins to formulate the process and congestion metrics for the 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study (Congestion Study), we request that the study include a detailed analysis of congestion chokepoints in the Lower Hudson Valley and Westchester County in New York, as identified in the 2006 Congestion Study that might prevent or inhibit future improvements in transmission capacity from reaching consumers in New York City.

The 2006 Congestion Study concluded that "Southeastern New York also needs improved voltage support that will require transmission reinforcements in the Lower Hudson Valley, more generation and demand-side management." Specifically, the study identified serious constraints on transmission existing at the UPPNY-ConEd Interface, between Westchester County and New York City, and between Westchester County and Long Island.

It is our hope that DOE will include a detailed description of the extent of electric transmission constraints through these points, including the amount of unused capacity during normal, peak and emergency conditions, in its 2009 National Electric Transmission Congestion Study. This information will be instrumental in evaluating future proposals for new transmission projects to reduce congestion within the Mid-Atlantic NIETC and should be completed before any projects are considered. To do otherwise would risk granting authority for a project that does nothing to address New York State's congestion problem.

Thank you for considering our request to include this information in the Department's 2009 Congestion Study.

Sincerely,



MAURICE D. HINCHRY
Member of Congress



MICHAEL A. ARCURI
Member of Congress



JOHN HALL
Member of Congress

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MARY L. LANDRIEU
LOUISIANA

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NO.

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

September 19, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

As I know you are aware, Louisiana has recently suffered serious damage to most of the state from Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. I would like to thank you for your agency's hard work to help mitigate these disasters. One issue in particular has come to my attention as something that might fall under the purview of the Department of Energy.

I have been informed that the Calcasieu Ship Channel, home to the nation's 4th largest refinery, 11th largest port and carrier of 7.5% of our nation's daily oil consumption, is facing serious navigational impediments. The channel, which is authorized to a depth of 40 feet, is currently operating at a 38 foot draft restriction due to siltation from the recent storms. This restriction limits the size and load of the vessels supplying these refineries. Obviously, this has a direct and substantial impact on the price of fuel in the United States and our energy security.

In light of the fact that this ship channel represents a critical energy choke-point for the nation as a whole, I respectfully request that you examine whether the Department of Energy can designate resources to restore the Calcasieu Ship Channel to its designed depth. While maintenance of federal waterways is typically a Corps of Engineers responsibility, I feel that the extent to which this waterway effects U.S. energy security warrants exploring alternative methods. Please notify me of your findings at your earliest convenience.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,


Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE REFERRAL

September 24, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 765570

MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 03, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MARY LANDRIEU
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT EMPLOY THE FULL RANGE OF
EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY'S OFFICE OF ELECTRICITY DELIVERY AND ENERGY
RELIABILITY AND TO RELEASE THE REMAINING FEDERAL LOW-
INCOME HEATING AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(LIHEAP) FUNDS FOR THE FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES IN THE
STATE OF LOUISIANA AFFECT BY HURRICANE GUSTAV

COMMENTS:

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9
WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-2590.

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MARY L. LANDRIEU
LOUISIANA

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1804

September 3, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you know firsthand, Hurricane Gustav's impact has dislocated millions and left over one million families and businesses without power. As Governor Jindal has no doubt conveyed, we are in need of emergency energy assistance.

Initial estimates suggest that our constituents will be without power for time periods ranging from 10 days to 6 weeks. I request that you employ the full range of emergency response capabilities of the US Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. The addition of the Department's expert response teams and electrical generators would be invaluable at this time.

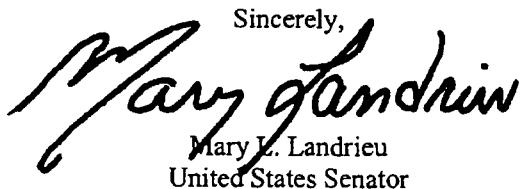
Furthermore, I ask that you release the remaining discretionary federal Low-Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LMEAP) funds at your disposal. Many Louisianans are ill-equipped to weather the economic effects of Hurricane Gustav. More than 800,000 Louisiana citizens are impoverished, and already struggling with high energy costs. Congress provided these LIHEAP resources for just such an emergency. Because these funds will lapse in less than 30 days, I urge their prompt release to help Louisiana's most at-risk citizens to get back on their feet.

Unfortunately, Gustav's strike has exacerbated already difficult economic conditions. Due to rising energy prices, virtually all of our current LIHEAP funds have been spent. Just two weeks ago, the State was compelled to commit \$10 million of its own resources to home energy assistance. However, those funds were enough to help only 12,700 additional families. Unfortunately, the energy needs of our citizens outstrip the State's capacity to help. At present, the fiscal 2008 Federal LIHEAP funding—which has already been consumed—helped just 45,000 Louisiana households. Gustav's landfall has greatly magnified our immediate need.

As you demonstrated in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricanes, Department of Energy resources and LIHEAP contingency funds can make a difference in disaster recovery. This assistance from the Federal government would be an immediate shot in the arm to Louisiana's families. We all appreciate your attention to this request.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary Landrieu

Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

Cc: Secretary Samuel Bodman
Governor Bobby Jindal

Policy and International Affairs (PI)

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1. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Dianne Feinstein

Subject: Senator inquires on whether the Department of Energy has acted upon the recommendation in the GAO report entitled, "Uncertainty about Future Oil Supply Makes it Important to Develop a Strategy for Addressing a Peak and Decline in Oil Production" and requests DOE to describe what course of action that was taken in response to the report

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002411 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 11-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 26-Feb-2008 9:49AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |

2. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Connie Mack

Subject: Representative Connie Mack seeks the President support in standing against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his self-declared economic war against the United States

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002559 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 13-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 28-Feb-2008 9:30AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

3. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Senator Sherrod Brown

Subject: Senator Sherrod Brown urges the President to use the influence of his office to help address the inflated energy prices by calling upon his Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) connections and urge them to increase petroleum production

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004145 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 26-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Apr-2008 8:47AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Apr-2008 |

4. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Bart Stupak

Subject: Representative Bart Stupak asks for Secretary Bodman position on his oil and gas prices legislation H.R. 594, the Prevent Unfair Manipulation of Prices (PUMP) Act

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004167 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 04-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Apr-2008 12:29PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Apr-2008 |

5. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman courtesy copy of a letter addressed to President George W. Bush from Senator Ken Salazar

Subject: Senator Ken Salazar expressing concerns of high oil prices and making recommendations to address the economic hardships, include a moratorium on additions to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and encouraging Middle East countries to increase oil supplies

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004483 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 14-Apr-2008 11:04AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

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6. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Jeff Fortenberry requests an emergency energy summit be convened to examine the causes behind the rising cost of petroleum and gasoline and explore possible short-term, and long-term solutions**

Subject: Representative Jeff Fortenberry requests an emergency energy summit be convened to examine the causes behind the rising cost of petroleum and gasoline and explore possible short-term, and long-term solutions

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005155 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 29-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 11:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-May-2008 |

7. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Thomas H. Allen**

Subject: Representative Thomas H. Allen requests the Department of Energy undertake a formal investigation of price fixing, manipulation, rampant speculation and other unscrupulous behavior in the petroleum markets

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005159 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 12:27PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-May-2008 |

8. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Jeff Fortenberry**

Subject: Requesting an emergency summit be convened to examine the causes behind the rising cost of petroleum and gasoline and explore possible short-term solutions

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005639 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 29-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 16-May-2008 8:12AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-May-2008 |

9. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators Jack Reed and Carl Levin**

Subject: Requesting that urgent action be taken to adequately investigate whether speculators are driving up oil and gasoline prices in energy commodity markets through manipulative or deceptive practices

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005646 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 05-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 16-May-2008 8:26AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

10. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senator Maria Cantwell and Representative Jay Inslee**

Subject: Urging the President to establish a new interagency Oil and Gas Market Fraud Task Force under the leadership of the Department of Justice to ensure that energy markets are free from illegal market manipulation and corporate corruption

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005806 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 21-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 21-May-2008 11:31AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

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11. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House from Representative Steve Cohen

Subject: Writes regarding a March 18, 2008 letter to Senator Harry Reid and other Members of Congress suggesting the passage of legislation which would permit the President to waive as to Libya the provisions of the Defense Authorization Act of 2008 facilitating collection of damages from terrorist nations

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005842 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 30-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 22-May-2008 9:31AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | |

12. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Ed Markey (D-MA)

Subject: Urging President George W. Bush to engage in positive dialogue at upcoming meeting with Saudi officials/leaders regarding impact of US gas supply and to ensure near-term relief of current gas prices.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006462 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 10:44AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |

13. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Representative Cathy Rodgers (R-WA)

Subject: Requesting President George W. Bush create an emergency energy summit be convened to examine current gas and petroleum crisis.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006463 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 10:50AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |

14. Referrel letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from the White House transmitting letter from Senator John Warner (R-VA)

Subject: Urging President George W. Bush to lead federal government to take initiatives to cut back and conserve daily consumption of gasoline and other fuels.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006464 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 10:55AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |

15. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL)

Subject: Requesting assistance in determining the nature and extent of oil and natural gas off-shore leasing operations in the coastal waters of Cuba by Chinese companies.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006502 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 5:52PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Jun-2008 |

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16. **Referral letter to Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter from Senators Maria Cantwell, Elizabeth Dole, John Thune, Susan Collins, Amy Klobuchar, Gordon H. Smith, John F. Kerry**
Subject: Senators Maria Cantwell, Elizabeth Dole, John Thune, Susan Collins, Amy Klobuchar, Gordon H. Smith and John F. Kerry urge President Bush to establish a new Interagency Oil and Gas Market Fraud Task Force to ensure that energy markets are free from illegal market manipulation or corporate corruption
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006679 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 17-Jun-2008 10:02AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 27-Jun-2008 |
17. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators Charles E. Schumer (D-NY), Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Robert Casey, Jr. (D-PA), Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), and Mary Landrieu (D-LA)**
Subject: Urging the President to call upon Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members to increase their oil production immediately
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006707 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 18-Jun-2008 11:00AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Jul-2008 |
18. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH)**
Subject: Expressing concerns about the rapidly rising price of home heating oil and its impact on households in New Hampshire; requests an update on what steps the Department of Energy is taking to address this issue
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007084 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 26-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 30-Jun-2008 9:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |
19. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator John Warner (R-VA)**
Subject: Submitting questions concerning the high cost of gasoline and the sense of Senate Resolution which was passed May 22, 2008, (S. Res. 577) regarding the use of gasoline and other fuels by Federal departments and agencies
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007226 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Jul-2008 10:29AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 17-Jul-2008 |
20. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representative Mike Thompson (D-CA)**
Subject: Expressing concern about the increase in fuel prices and its negative impact on the American people
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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007410 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 11-Jul-2008 9:10AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Jul-2008 |

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21. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from the White House transmitting a letter from Representatives Larson, Stupak, Sutton, Schakowski, Carson, Hinojosa, Pascrell, Slaughter, Bishop, Oberstar, Waxman, Baldwin, Courtney, Donnelly, Kildee, Johns**

Subject: Urging President George W. Bush to engage his counterparts at the G8 Summit in an effort to reduce global oil speculation and other questionable market activities.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007602 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 17-Jul-2008 8:02AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |

22. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME), E. Benjamin Nelson (D-NE), Roger Wicker (R-MS), Judd Gregg (R-NH), Evan Bayh (D-IN), Carl Levin (D-MI), Susan M. Collins (R-ME)**

Subject: Writing concerning the country's growing energy crisis and ask that the President move ahead with a national summit with congressional and national leaders to develop a comprehensive, consensus energy proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007993 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 8:46AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Aug-2008 |

23. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senators Olympia J. Snowe (R-ME) and E. Benjamin Nelson (D-NE)**

Subject: Expressing disappointment to the reaction of press secretary to Congresss call for a National Emergency Summit on Energy; requesting Department of Energy (as stakeholder) to commit in this effort

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008059 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 29-Jul-2008 11:05AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Aug-2008 |

24. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring a letter from Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-IA)**

Subject: Expressses concern about excessive use of fuel by Federal vehicles

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008139 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 31-Jul-2008 9:10AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | |

25. **Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Mike Pence (R-IN) and Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)**

Subject: Urges President Bush to bring Congress back into session to give the bipartisan pro-drilling majority a vote

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008546 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 01-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 07-Aug-2008 10:57AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Aug-2008 |

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26. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House transmitting letter from Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)

Subject: Urging the President to call Congress back into session to use the August recess to legislate on energy in an effort to deal with the high cost of oil and gasoline at the pump

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008871 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 05-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 15-Aug-2008 9:17AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 27-Aug-2008 |

27. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from the White House referring letter from Representative Doug Lamborn (R-CO)

Subject: Urges President Bush to bring the Congress back into session and give the bipartisan pro-drilling majority a vote

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009088 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 04-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 21-Aug-2008 12:03PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Sep-2008 |

28. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring letter from Ed Markey, Chairman, Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming (D-MA)

Subject: Urges the President to take action to halt all export of U.S. oil overseas to protect American consumers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009485 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 19-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 28-Aug-2008 8:59AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 10-Sep-2008 |

29. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Mike Rogers (R-AL)

Subject: Request that the Secretary take action to help relieve the shortage of gasoline in some areas of the nation by requesting the emergency import of refined gasoline from the International Energy Agency

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010468 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 19-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 22-Sep-2008 8:37AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Oct-2008 |

30. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) and Richard Burr (R-NC)

Subject: Request Department of Energy to call upon the International Energy Agency for the release of emergency supplies of gasoline and diesel fuel to the United States

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010714 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 10:26AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 09-Oct-2008 |

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31. **White House Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA)**

Subject: Urge the President to pressure the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to not reduce oil production

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011868 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 23-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 31-Oct-2008 11:15AM |
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February 11, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In February 2007, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report entitled Uncertainty about Future Oil Supply Makes it Important to Develop a Strategy for Addressing a Peak and Decline in Oil Production. The report recommended that:

the Secretary of Energy work with other agencies to establish a strategy to coordinate and prioritize federal agency efforts to reduce uncertainty about the likely timing of a peak (in global oil production) and to advise Congress on how best to mitigate consequences.

I am writing to inquire whether the Department of Energy has acted upon this recommendation.

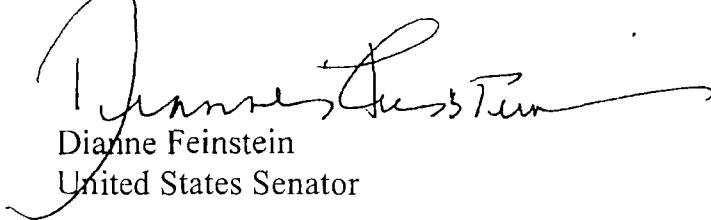
Congress acted to make our nation less susceptible to the impact of a downturn in global oil production when it passed the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. But an unexpected drop in global oil production would still cause tremendous economic harm. The GAO found that we could more accurately forecast a peak in oil production with improved data on oil resources and use. Reducing uncertainty regarding available oil supplies would increase stability in oil markets and allow for informed decisions regarding the development of oil alternatives.

I would greatly appreciate if you would describe what course of action you have taken at the Department of Energy in response to this GAO report.

Please also describe the policy alternatives available to Congress and recommend a preferable approach.

Knowing that there is substantial debate regarding the potential for a peak in global oil production, I look forward to hearing your views on this matter. I hope that we can work together to take any actions that may be appropriate.

Sincerely,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE REFERRAL

February 21, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 746536

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: CONNIE MACK
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: SEEKS THE PRESIDENT SUPPORT IN STANDING AGAINST VENEZUELAN
PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ AND HIS SELF-DECLARED ECONOMIC WAR
AGAINST THE U.S.

COMMENTS:

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February 13, 2008

From: House

To: Mr.

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to seek your support in standing against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his self-declared economic war against the United States.

After he nationalized Venezuela's oil industry last year, President Chavez made it crystal clear that free markets are not welcome in his socialist revolution and that he will stop at nothing to impose his leftist policies on the people and businesses of Venezuela and Latin America.

Last week in a major development, ExxonMobil won several preventive legal injunctions—issued by courts in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and the Netherlands Antilles—freezing global assets of the Venezuelan national oil company PdVSA for up to \$12 billion. As you are aware, ExxonMobil is suing the Venezuelan government for having expropriated its oil assets in the Orinoco Basin last year without proper compensation.

In response to these lawful injunctions, President Chavez is threatening to cut off oil shipments to the United States. Specifically, during his weekly nationally televised address to the Venezuelan people, President Chavez said, "I speak to the U.S. empire, because that's the master: continue and you will see that we won't send one drop of oil to the empire of the United States." Later in his address, he threatened, "[i]f the economic war continues against Venezuela, the price of oil is going to reach \$200 [a barrel] and Venezuela will join the economic war. And more than one country is willing to accompany us in the economic war."

The United States cannot be held as an economic hostage to the whims of tyrants, thugs, and dictators like President Chavez and his anti-American allies such as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. While I applaud the United States and international

The Honorable George W. Bush
February 13, 2008
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courts for standing up for American companies doing business in Venezuela and for standing against President Chavez's march on freedom and free markets, it is clear that the United States government needs to firmly protect our nation and our economy against a threatened oil embargo from Venezuela and its allies.

While I would hope President Chavez does not take retaliatory action against the rule of international law, this situation is a stark reminder that we must have proactive policies in place—such as increasing our Strategic Petroleum Reserve—should President Chavez attempt to punish the United States by cutting oil supplies. Specifically, with President Chavez threatening to cut off oil shipments to the United States, I believe that it is in our national security interest to begin increasing our Strategic Petroleum Reserve in order to replace Venezuela's supply to the United States should President Chavez follow through on his threats. By doing this, we will let the markets know that the United States government will protect the American people from those who would use oil as an economic and political weapon against our nation.

Make no mistake: if the United States is prepared for a shut-off of Venezuelan oil, our economy will withstand this assault. The impact on the Venezuelan economy, however, will be devastating. The Venezuelan people are already facing a shortage of everyday products such as rice, beans, milk, chickens, and coffee. Inflation in Venezuela is on the rise. Prosperity and opportunity are fading. Quite simply, should President Chavez cease shipping the 1.2 million barrels per day to the United States, the Chavez government will rapidly run out of money and his iron-fisted grip on the hopes and dreams of the Venezuelan people will quickly loosen.

The United States should respond with cautious preparation for a potential embargo by increasing our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and we should take steps to assure the Venezuelan people that we will always stand by their side. Taking these prudent steps will ensure our economy will be stronger and our national security will be protected regardless of what course of action President Chavez pursues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

CONNIE MACK
Member of Congress

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

April 03, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 749768

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: MARCH 26, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: SHERROD BROWN
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO USE THE INFLUENCE OF HIS OFFICE
TO HELP ADDRESS THE INFLATED ENERGY PRICES BY CALLING
UPON HIS OPEC CONNECTIONS AND URGE THEM TO INCREASE
PETROLEUM PRODUCTION

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 26, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge you to use the influence of your office to help address dramatically inflated energy prices.

Record high crude oil prices are having far-reaching effects across my home state of Ohio and throughout the nation. The impact on the trucking industry is particularly dramatic. Small businesses unable to afford diesel fuel for their fleets are forced to lay off employees and independent truck drivers are struggling to make ends meet. Beyond the direct effects on the businesses themselves, the economic havoc wreaked by high energy prices is also felt by state and local economies. Ohio and other states are already facing enormous challenges in the economic arena; they can ill-afford the loss of more businesses and more jobs due to needlessly high energy prices.

There are actions you can and should take immediately to bring down fuel prices, to the benefit of the economy, the business community, and most importantly, the American people.

Your administration takes pride in its close, personal ties with many of the royal families of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). In fact, last weekend, Vice President Cheney met with King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. However, instead of pushing the Saudis and OPEC to increase output, the Vice President publicly lauded the Saudis for keeping a pledge made in 2005 to increase oil production. Three years ago is not today, and rather than take responsibility for failing to move OPEC to produce more, your administration has hinted that Americans are not doing their part to keep oil prices down. It is not surprising, then, that the markets failed to respond with a drop in oil prices following the Vice President's trip.

In a report released today, the Consumer Federation of America cited "OPEC resistance to increasing production," as a key reason for high oil prices. I strongly encourage you to call upon your OPEC connections and urge them to increase petroleum production. The amount of oil imported from these nations is a significant portion of our nation's overall petroleum imports. Our nation provides billions of dollars in assistance to OPEC member nations. Yet despite our long history of providing support to these countries, OPEC recently decided to keep production at the same levels, setting the stage for future record prices for oil.

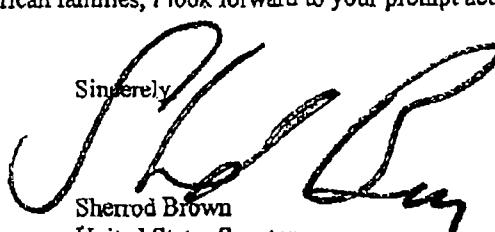
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Day after day, people across the nation are faced with stagnant wages and a slumping economy. We can ill afford to wait for gasoline prices to reach \$4 per gallon before taking action. This Congress has already undertaken an important investment in renewable fuels and funding for advanced battery and hybrid vehicles to secure our nation's long-term energy security. You have the ability to bring prices down by exerting pressure on OPEC to increase production. It is clearly in the national interest for you to summon the will to do so.

With high gas prices hurting American families, I look forward to your prompt action on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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April 4, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC, 20585

Dear Mr. Bodman:

You testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on February 7, 2008 regarding the Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2009 budget. During this hearing, I asked you about oil and gas prices, specifically my legislation H.R. 594, the Prevent Unfair Manipulation of Prices (PUMP) Act.

Traditionally, trading of energy commodities has taken place on the New York Mercantile Exchange, with oversight by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). However, an increasing amount of trading does not occur on NYMEX but in off-market deals, known as "over-the-counter" (OTC) trading.

OTC trading is conducted without any federal regulation or oversight. Without effective oversight, there is no way to know whether energy speculators are basing trades on market realities, or are instead taking advantage of the system to make money at the expense of hard-working Americans.

The PUMP Act would require off-market traders to operate under the same reporting requirements that traders that participate in on-market trading already do. By providing oversight and transparency to off-market trading, this legislation would allow the CFTC to better monitor these deals to prevent market manipulation, and will help eliminate the unreasonable inflation of crude oil prices, helping protect American consumers at the pump.

In fact, during a December 12, 2007 hearing I chaired of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, economists testified that better federal oversight of these OTC trades could reduce the price of crude oil by as much as \$30 a barrel.

I asked you about this issue at last year's budget hearing as well. You explained by saying, and I quote, "You have markets that are in the hands of human beings. Human beings are essentially emotional souls..." You went on to say, "There are substantial

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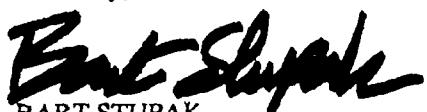
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swings in the marketplace." When I asked you on February 7, 2008, if you still believed that human emotions can cause substantial swings in these energy markets, and whether you were concerned that these swings are forcing consumers to pay higher prices, you said that you would look at the legislation and get back to me.

This past month, crude oil prices have broken records, reaching more than \$111 a barrel. It has been nearly two months since that hearing. Have you looked at the legislation? Are you prepared to provide your position on the PUMP Act?

I look forward to your prompt reply. If you have any questions, please contact me or Jamie Euken with my staff at (202) 225-4735.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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KEN SALAZAR
COLORADOUnited States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510 - 3903

April 11, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the past three weeks, three airlines have filed for bankruptcy protection. Today, Colorado-based Frontier Airlines filed for Chapter 11 reorganization because of cash flow issues caused by changes in credit processing that are directly attributable to broader problems in the airline industry. Those problems are driven in large part by the rapidly increasing price of oil.

If the price of oil remains at historic highs, these painful and unpredictable effects on our economy will only worsen. This is a difficult and complex problem, but I urge you to take two steps that will help bring down the price of oil.

First, I encourage you to place a one-year moratorium on additions to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and to consider releasing oil from the reserve to address supply problems that contribute to the high price of oil for American consumers. At a time when Americans are struggling to pay for gasoline, I don't believe it makes sense for our government to be taking oil supplies off the market.

Second, I believe that given our billions of dollars of support for countries in the Middle East, your Administration should urge those countries to increase oil supplies in order to avoid a global economic downturn. Those countries share our interest in maintaining a stable price of oil that does not jeopardize economic vitality.

I believe this is a time for action. I hope you will consider these two recommendations as constructive steps toward addressing the economic hardships brought about by record-high oil prices.

Sincerely,

Ken Salazar
United States Senator

cc: Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy

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JEFF FORTENBERRY
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April 29, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are all aware that skyrocketing gasoline prices are causing severe hardship for families, communities, and businesses, and have also adversely impacted the economy. With no end in sight, I respectfully request an emergency energy summit be convened to examine the causes behind the rising cost of petroleum and gasoline, and explore possible short-term and long-term solutions.

I strongly believe the urgency of the circumstances warrants a new bipartisan approach between the Congress and Administration, experts, analysts, and business leaders. This collaborative effort should fully analyze and understand the effects of commodity speculation and other potential factors - rising demand, supply restrictions, inflation, boutique fuels, lack of sustainable alternative sources, geopolitical instability, OPEC, and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve - in order to address this burgeoning problem.

For the sake of those struggling with the burden of high petroleum and gas prices, I respectfully urge the organization of such a summit. I am also submitting this request to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the House Minority Leader so this can be a coordinated government response.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fortenberry
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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April 24, 2008

The Hon. Samuel Bodman
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Everywhere I go in Maine, people share their frustration, anxiety and anger over skyrocketing fuel prices. Soaring fuel costs impact everyone who drives a car, heats a home or has a job that depends on affordable energy. They have been a tidal wave of red ink on family budgets and the spreadsheets of small businesses from farmers to fishermen. It was bad enough when consumers had to face these impacts at the pump and when the fuel bill arrived, but now they feel the pain in the grocery store, too. Exploding fuel prices contribute to a stagnating economy, helping to create a perfect storm of economic hardship for hard working Mainers.

The average price of gasoline in Maine has increased more than **69** cents per gallon since this time last year, and is at an all time high of more than **3.53** per gallon. The price of on-road diesel in Maine has increased by more than **\$1.47** per gallon, or **34** percent over the same time period. Heating oil prices in Maine have increased by more than **\$1.38** per gallon, a **36** percent increase. This price is significantly more expensive than the price of fuel after Hurricanes **Katrina** and **Rita** severely crippled our oil production in the Gulf of Mexico in **2005**.

I understand the worldwide supply of crude is limited. I understand that there is significant crude production stranded in **Iraq** and that much crude supply is dependent on other unstable regimes. I realize that the demand for petroleum products has significantly increased in developing nations. What I cannot comprehend is how oil companies are making record profits at a time when the average consumer is paying twenty to thirty percent more for fuel.

Given the vertical integration of oil companies, and thus their tight control over production, refining, and distribution, the opportunity for price fixing, manipulation, and monopolistic practices is great. I note with interest that despite high prices (or perhaps because of them) and obvious demand, that there is more idle refinery capacity- **11.5** percent of total capacity -in the United States than at any time since **1992**.

I am also very concerned about reports that speculation, undertaken in part by elements within oil companies or their representatives, is adding significant cost to the price of a barrel of oil. Speculation adds no value to the product and takes place in a nearly completely unregulated

or unmonitored environment. If the oil industry is driving this activity, it is more than just speculation, it is price manipulation.

The current prevailing situation in the petroleum products market is reminiscent of the California energy crisis of 2001, brought on and exacerbated by Enron's scandalous behavior. In that case, corporate greed combined with negligent regulation to gouge consumers and wreak havoc on the economy. I fear that today, we are seeing a repeat of that phenomenon on a larger and more ominous scale, and I firmly believe that the government has a responsibility to stop it by vigorously overseeing energy markets and investigating, prosecuting, and punishing any inappropriate or criminal behavior by oil companies, their subsidiaries, their agents or their employees. Therefore, I request that the Department of Energy undertake a formal investigation of price fixing, manipulation, rampant speculation and other unscrupulous behavior in the petroleum markets.

My constituents are held hostage by oil companies. Fuel use is, by and large, not a choice for Mainers in their day to day lives. Mainers cannot decide simply not to heat their homes during a harsh Maine winter, independent truckers cannot decide to stop hauling goods, and fishermen cannot sit idly at the dock. Oil company profits are rising at a faster pace than the disposable incomes of their captive customers. Failure to address fuel prices will cripple Maine businesses and Maine families trying to get by in a stagnant, possibly shrinking economy, exacerbated by the fuel crisis brought on by speculation and manipulation. That is why I again urge you to launch an immediate investigation into this matter.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to my request.

Sincerely,



Tom Allen
Member of Congress

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**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL**

May 13, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 753407

MEDIA: FAX

DOCUMENT DATE: APRIL 29, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JEFF FORTENBERRY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS AN EMERGENCY SUMMIT BE CONVENED TO
EXAMINE THE CAUSES BEHIND THE RISING COST OF
PETROLEUM AND GASOLINE AND EXPLORE POSSIBLE SHORT-
TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS

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**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives**

April 29, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20500-0004

Dear Mr. President:

We are all aware that skyrocketing gasoline prices are causing severe hardship for families, communities, and businesses, and have also adversely impacted the economy. With no end in sight, I respectfully request an emergency energy summit be convened to examine the causes behind the rising cost of petroleum and gasoline, and explore possible short-term and long-term solutions.

I strongly believe the urgency of the circumstances warrants a new bipartisan approach between the Congress and Administration, experts, analysts, and business leaders. This collaborative effort should fully analyze and understand the effects of commodity speculation and other potential factors - rising demand, supply restrictions, inflation, boutique fuels, lack of sustainable alternative sources, geopolitical instability, OPEC, and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve - in order to address this burgeoning problem.

For the sake of those struggling with the burden of high petroleum and gas prices, I respectfully urge the organization of such a summit. I am also submitting this request to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Energy, and the House Minority Leader so this can be a coordinated government response.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JACK REED
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT URGENT ACTION BE TAKEN TO ADEQUATELY
INVESTIGATE WHETHER SPECULATORS ARE DRIVING UP
PRICES IN ENERGY COMMODITY MARKETS THROUGH
MANIPULATIVE OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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May 5, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As the price of oil and gasoline continues to soar to record highs, we are writing to request that urgent action be taken to adequately investigate whether speculators are driving up prices in energy commodity markets through manipulative or deceptive practices.

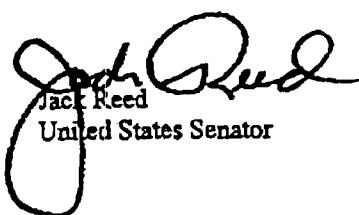
One step that we believe should be undertaken immediately is for you to convene a task force to examine and evaluate trading in these markets. This task force should be comprised of officials at the highest levels of government, including the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Chairman of the Commodities Future Trading Commission, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Attorney General.

With the summer driving season quickly approaching, convening such a task force would not only send a strong signal to speculators, but would establish a coordinated and timely effort to protect consumers from skyrocketing energy prices. As such, we ask that the task force be convened and report its findings in no later than 60 days.

As you know, in the wake of the subprime mortgage and housing crisis, investors have flocked to commodities markets as a safe hedge against inflation and as a short-term speculative investment. Given that speculators and lenders in the commodities markets include hedge funds, brokerage firms, commercial banks, and other large financial institutions, we need to ensure that this increase in volume and volatility is not the result of unlawful manipulative practices. It is also critical to determine whether regulatory oversight agencies have enough tools and resources to maintain accountability over trading in commodity markets. Indeed, it has been reported that economists now posit that speculation, not fundamentals, is the dominant factor currently controlling these markets.

We believe that our government has an obligation to assure the American public that energy costs are not the result of market manipulation. We look forward to hearing from you on this critical issue.

Sincerely,


Jack Reed
United States Senator


Carl Levin
United States Senator

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MARIA CANTWELL
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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ESTABLISH A NEW INTERAGENCY
OIL AND GAS MARKET FRAUD TASK FORCE UNDER THE
LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ENSURE
THAT ENERGY MARKETS ARE FREE FROM ILLEGAL MARKET
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 21, 2008

President George W. Bush
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

With Americans questioning the fairness of record high gas prices, we urge you to establish a new interagency Oil and Gas Market Fraud Task Force under the leadership of the Department of Justice to ensure that energy markets are free from illegal market manipulation and corporate corruption.

Oil and gas are irreplaceable commodities central to our economic prosperity, national security, and the health and well being of our citizens. However, with prices for these necessities more than tripling since 2002, families, businesses, and hard working Americans are struggling to make ends meet with ever shrinking disposable incomes. Airlines are going bankrupt and truckers aren't even getting paid enough to cover diesel prices that exceed \$4 dollar per gallon. Families have cut back on going out to dinner or the mall, further exacerbating our economic downturn.

Congress has received testimony from our nation's Attorneys General, energy market experts, and major oil company executives that the price of oil and gas can no longer be explained or predicted by normal market dynamics or their historic understanding of supply and demand fundamentals. Earlier this month, an executive from Exxon Mobil testified under oath that the price of crude oil should be about \$50 to \$55 per barrel based on the supply and demand fundamentals he had observed. Yet current crude oil prices, and crude oil futures, are expected to remain above \$100 for the next several years.

In the wake of the Enron and other corporate scandals, you initiated the Corporate Fraud Task Force at the Department of Justice as part of your Corporate Responsibility Initiative. By aggressively enforcing existing laws and regulations, the Task Force's actions have yielded over 1,200 corporate fraud convictions to date. In addition, the Justice Department has obtained more than one billion dollars in fraud-related forfeitures and has distributed that money to the victims of corporate fraud. We believe the Corporate Fraud Task Force should establish a new Oil and Gas Market Fraud Task Force and apply its considerable resources, initiative, and ability to coordinate federal agency efforts to help restore consumer confidence that energy prices are fair. We urge you to also add the Federal Trade Commission to the interagency Task Force.

The threat of oil and gas market manipulation remains real. For example, in its Congressionally directed investigation into gas price increases following Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita, the Federal Trade Commission found 15 examples of pricing at the refining, wholesale, or retail level that fit the relevant legislation's definition of evidence of "price gouging." In addition, last July, Marathon Oil Corp. agreed to pay a \$1 million fine to the Commodities Futures Trading Commission to settle charges that its Marathon Petroleum Company subsidiary attempted to manipulate crude oil prices in 2003.

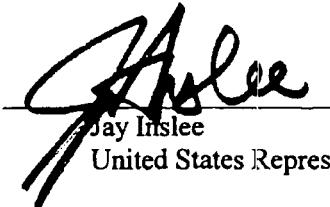
As we learned from the 2000-2001 Western energy crisis, energy costs affect all sectors of our economy from transportation, to industry and business, to food prices and beyond. That electricity crisis took a serious toll on American consumers and businesses, causing a 1.5 percent decline in productivity that cost the West 589,000 jobs and a \$35 billion drop in domestic economic product.

How the federal government responds to the changing dynamics of energy markets is vital to our continued national and economic security. As members of Congress that aggressively sought consumer relief and accountability following the Western energy crisis, we learned that consumers are best protected when energy markets are subject to aggressive regulation and enforcement. And unless there is a cop on the beat vigilantly policing energy markets, sophisticated companies can fleece consumer pocketbooks without fear of penalty. We look forward to working with you to establish an Oil and Gas Market Task Force to root out fraud and manipulation in all corners of the oil and gas marketplace.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator



Jay Inslee
United States Representative

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: STEVE COHEN
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING A MAR 19 08 LETTER TO SENATOR HARRY REID SUGGESTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE PRESIDENT TO WAIVE AS TO LIBYA THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 08 FACILITATING COLLECTION OF DAMAGES FROM TERRORIST NATIONS

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

April 30, 2008

Dear President Bush:

This is in reference to the letter of March 19, 2008 from Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Secretary Robert Gates, Secretary Samuel W. Bodman and Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez to Senator Harry Reid suggesting the passage of legislation which would permit you to waive as to Libya the provisions of the Defense Authorization Act of 2008 facilitating collection of damages from terrorist nations.

The continued refusal of Libya to pay the amounts due American victims of terrorism in accordance with agreed upon settlements, Libya's arrogant denial of all wrongdoing in the face of overwhelming evidence of Libyan complicity in cases now coming up for trial coupled with the absence of any genuine settlement attempts for pending cases, all contradict the assertion in the Secretaries letter that Libya has been "cooperating with the U.S. legal system." Moreover, the underlying facts of those cases detail terrorist attacks in which hundreds of Americans were murdered upon order of Moammar Qadhafi who remains in power and will be the main beneficiary of this legislation. The actions to date of Qadhafi are not those of a person who has forsaken terrorism as a tool of foreign policy.

Libya is now off the terrorist list following lobbying of the White House by major American oil companies and other corporations doing business with Libya. It can only be a defendant in a suit brought in accordance with the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act for injuries resulting from a terrorist act ordered by Qadhafi which occurred during the time Libya was on the list of terrorist states. The Congress should not be asked to give Libya a legislative absolution from the consequences of murdering and injuring Americans to facilitate even higher profits for oil companies. Even more so, to turn our backs on American Armed Forces Members who were murdered or have been injured in these attacks while we ask their younger brothers, sisters and children to put their lives on the line in Iraq and Afghanistan would justifiably merit the most immediate and extreme disapproval of the American people.

The Honorable George W. Bush
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There is a simple solution to this problem for Libya, pay what they have agreed to pay.

I would ask that you convey this expression of opinion on the subject to the Government of Libya. If you will not support those who have given their blood in support of all of us, we request that you present this communication through diplomatic channels to that Government indicating its source.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ED MARKEY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PERSUADE SAUDI ARABIA TO USE THEIR
ENORMOUS RESOURCES TO HELP AMERICAN CONSUMERS BY
INCREASING THEIR OIL OUTPUT

COMMENTS:

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754435

May 15, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear President Bush:

Americans are facing record-breaking energy prices. Today, with the price of oil above \$122 per barrel and regular gas prices around the country averaging \$3.77 per gallon, it is time to consider all measures that can provide short-term relief to American consumers. This week, the House of Representatives and the Senate passed bills that would halt the fill of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Hopefully, this action will serve as a first step towards alleviating pressure on prices in the near-term. Later this week, during your meeting with the leaders of Saudi Arabia, you have an opportunity for even greater impact. Saudi Arabia could readily increase oil production by 1 million barrels of oil a day, and we strongly urge you to persuade them to use their enormous resources to help American consumers by increasing their oil output.

Energy independence and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions must be central to America's long term energy plans, and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 puts America on a path to achieve that goal. That law pushes America's transportation sector to become more efficient and also embrace advanced and cellulosic biofuels, electric plug-in hybrid vehicles, and smart growth strategies that make our cities more livable and facilitate mass transit. Unfortunately, those changes, opposed for years by the Republican-controlled Congress intent on pursuing a reckless fossil-focused energy policy, will take time to yield benefits to consumers. That is why it is so important for the U.S. to stop taking oil off the market, and why it is even more essential for you to persuade the Saudi government to increase oil production.

During the 2000 presidential campaign, you told voters that if elected you "would work with our friends in OPEC to convince them to open up the spigot, to increase the supply...use the capital that my administration will earn, with the Kuwaitis or the Saudis, and convince them to open up the spigot." You stated in 2000 that the next president "ought to get on the phone with the OPEC cartel and say we expect you to open your spigots.... And the President of the United States must jawbone OPEC members to lower the price"

Reality has been rather different. OPEC's production has been relatively flat since you took office and global demand has skyrocketed. Now is the moment when tough talk

needs to be supported with tough action. Saudi Arabia has the most significant surplus capacity of all oil-producing countries, and it amounts to nearly 1.8 million barrels per day. You should persuade the Saudi government to put this excess production capacity to work in the near-term, while American consumers are making the long-term transition to an economy less dependent on oil.

We hope your persuasion with Saudi leaders this week is effective. For the sake of Americans feeling the effects of climbing prices and declining real incomes, your mission to the Middle East is extremely important. This experience underscores that the days of oil diplomacy are numbered. An energy policy based on wishful thinking and foreign generosity is a recipe for disaster. The Energy Act of 2007 will change that, but until those good policies have a chance to work, consumers need the near-term relief that you can deliver.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
Chairman

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: CATHY RODGERS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE ORGANIZATION OF AN EMERGENCY ENERGY
SUMMIT BE CONVENED TO EXAMINE THE CAUSES BEHIND THE
RISING COST OF PETROLEUM AND GASOLINE FOR BOTH THE
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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House Information Resources
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Dear Mr. President,

We are all aware that skyrocketing gasoline prices are causing severe hardship for families, communities, and businesses and have also adversely impacted the economy; therefore, I would like to respectfully request an emergency energy summit be convened to examine the causes behind the rising cost of petroleum and gasoline for both the short-term and long-term.

Without a doubt, these circumstances require a new bi-partisan approach between the Congress and the Administration, experts, analysts, and business leaders. This collaborative effort should fully analyze and understand the effects of commodity speculation and other potential factors – rising demand, supply restrictions, inflation, boutique fuels, lack of sustainable alternative sources, geopolitical instability, OPEC, and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve – in order to address this escalating problem.

For all of us facing with the burden of high petroleum and gas prices, I respectfully urge the organization of such a summit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Wishes,

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOHN WARNER
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO LEAD FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE
INITIATIVES TO CUT BACK ITS DAILY CONSUMPTION OF GASOLINE
AND OTHER FUELS

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Each day, as America contends with rising gasoline prices, we see and hear stories of how individual Americans are coping with this serious problem as they conduct their daily lives with their families and in their work environments.

They are finding ways to reduce their consumption of gasoline by driving less, altering daily routines, and even changing family vacation plans. These efforts bring hardships, but save dollars that are necessary to meet essential family needs. And while small in comparison to the overall problem of supply and demand of gasoline, these efforts do add up. I never dismiss the American "can do" spirit.

In one word, it is individual conservation. And in cases such as this, when individuals are leading the way, the government should join.

The purpose of this letter is to urge you to lead the vast federal government to likewise take initiatives to cut back – even in a small measure – its daily consumption of gasoline and other fuels.

I believe such a move would signal to Americans that their government is sharing the daily hardships occasioned by this turbulent, uncertain energy crisis.

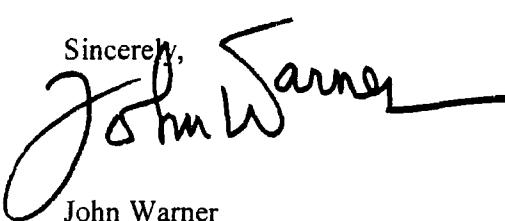
Having worked in and with the Department of Defense for many decades, and recognizing that this government department is the largest user of petroleum products, I believe that the men and women of the armed services would pitch in to share the hardships on the home front and lead the effort. Their families are experiencing many of the same hardships as other families across America.

Recognizing that our nation must maintain its defense posture, especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, where our forces are courageously carrying out their missions, the department's initiative to further conserve on fuels must be done without any harmful diminution in readiness or training.

By cutting back the number of flying or steaming hours in our military ships and planes, by even a percentage point or two, the armed forces could point with pride to their efforts in our nation's conservation movement.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


John Warner

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cc: The Honorable Robert M. Gates
The Honorable Ed Gillespie

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June 10, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Secretary Bodman:

I write you today to respectfully request your assistance in determining the nature and extent of oil and natural gas off-shore leasing operations in the coastal waters of Cuba by Chinese companies.

There has been much media attention and numerous news articles written which have stated that Chinese industries are involved in off-shore oil and natural gas extraction in the territorial waters of Cuba. Some have even conjectured that such activities are taking place within close proximity to US territorial waters, and near sensitive environmental sites like the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. I would request your expertise, and that of your agency, to help ascertain the extent of these activities and help separate fact from fiction.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and I look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MARIA CANTWELL
UNITED STATES SENATE
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OIL AND GAS MARKET FRAUD TASK FORCE TO ENSURE THAT
ENERGY MARKETS ARE FREE FROM ILLEGAL MARKET
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May 20, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With Americans questioning the fairness of record high oil and gas prices, we urge you to establish a new interagency Oil and Gas Market Fraud Task Force under the leadership of the Department of Justice to ensure that energy markets are free from illegal market manipulation or corporate corruption.

Oil and gas are irreplaceable commodities central to our economic prosperity, national security, and the health and well being of our citizens. Prices for these necessities however have more than tripled since 2002—families, businesses, and hard working Americans are struggling to make ends meet with ever shrinking disposable incomes. Airlines are going bankrupt and truckers are barely getting paid enough to cover diesel prices that exceed \$4 dollar per gallon. Families have cut back on going out to dinner or the mall, further exacerbating our economic downturn.

Congress has received testimony from energy market experts and major oil company executives that the price of oil and gas can no longer be explained or predicted by normal market dynamics or their historic understanding of supply and demand forces. An executive from Exxon Mobil recently testified before Congress under oath that the price of crude oil should be about \$50 to \$55 per barrel based on the supply and demand fundamentals he had observed. Yet current crude oil prices are more than double that amount and crude oil futures remain well above \$100 per barrel through 2016.

In the wake of the Enron and other corporate scandals, you initiated the Corporate Fraud Task Force at the Department of Justice as part of your Corporate Responsibility Initiative. By aggressively enforcing existing laws and regulations, the Task Force's actions have yielded over 1,200 corporate fraud convictions to date. In addition, the Justice Department has obtained more than one billion dollars in fraud-related forfeitures and has distributed that money to the victims of corporate fraud. We believe the Corporate Fraud Task Force should establish a new Oil and Gas Market Fraud Task Force and apply its considerable resources, initiative, and ability to coordinate federal agency efforts to help restore consumer confidence that energy prices are fair. We also urge you to add the Federal Trade Commission, which received new authority in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to prevent manipulation in the wholesale oil and petroleum distillate markets, to the interagency Task Force.

The threat of oil and gas market manipulation remains real. For example, last July, Marathon Oil Corporation agreed to pay a \$1 million fine to the Commodities Futures Trading Commission to settle charges that its Marathon Petroleum Company subsidiary attempted to manipulate crude oil prices. Similarly, in the summer of 2006, a manipulative scheme to game the natural gas market by the now defunct hedge fund Amaranth cost consumers upwards of \$9 billion. And a federal investigation led British Petroleum to pay approximately \$373 million in part for conspiring to corner the market and manipulate the price of propane carried through Texas pipelines.

As we learned from the 2000-2001 Western electricity crisis, rising energy costs hurt virtually every sector of our economy and drive inflation and losses in consumer confidence. That electricity crisis took a serious toll on American consumers and businesses, forcing a 1.5 percent decline in productivity which caused 589,000 Americans to lose their jobs and a \$35 billion drop in domestic economic product.

How the federal government responds to the changing dynamics of energy markets is vital to our continued national and economic security. If the Western energy crisis taught us anything it is that consumers are best protected when energy markets are subject to aggressive oversight and enforcement. And unless there is a cop on the beat vigilantly policing energy markets --especially when supplies are tight in markets with extremely inelastic demand-- sophisticated companies can fleece consumer pocketbooks without fear of penalty. We look forward to working with you to establish an Oil and Gas Market Task Force to root out fraud and manipulation in all corners of the oil and gas marketplace, and restore consumer confidence.

Sincerely,

Mary-Louise Elizabeth Dole Shimpone
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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: CHUCK SCHUMER
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CALL UPON SAUDI ARABIA, THE
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) AND OTHER OPEC MEMBERS TO
INCREASE THEIR OIL PRODUCTION IMMEDIATELY

COMMENTS:

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April 24, 2008

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

American consumers are facing unprecedented gasoline prices, with the national average price of a gallon of regular gas at \$3.51, roughly \$.66 higher than last year and more than double since 2001. The price of diesel fuel has increased even more rapidly - reaching a record \$4.20 a gallon on Monday, over a dollar more expensive than 2007. The price of diesel fuel not only impacts truck drivers, but it pushes food and transportation costs higher for consumers too. The combined effect of these energy prices drags down our economy, which can serve to extend and deepen the recession even further.

Your administration has shown a callous indifference for the pain these high prices are inflicting on American families. At the same time, your administration has coddled Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) nations whose actions have contributed to this crisis.

We are writing to urge you to demand that OPEC members increase their oil production because they are currently producing well under their capacity. As you know, the first four months of 2008 witnessed extraordinary and historic increases in the cost of crude oil, which has impacted not only the costs of gasoline and heating oil in the U.S., but food and commodity prices, as well. Despite skyrocketing energy costs, OPEC members claimed that they saw no reason to increase production quotas. We respectfully urge you to call upon Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and other OPEC members to increase their oil production immediately.

OPEC's recent decision to not increase production before next fall at the earliest will surely cause prices to remain high and will lead to higher energy prices for Americans this spring and summer. Recently, Ali al-Naimi, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, said there was no need to increase supplies by "even one barrel of oil." And Abdullah al-Attiyah, Qatar's energy minister, said, "Is there a need for extra production? I don't think so."

OPEC members have no economic incentive to increase the supply of oil, because that would lead to a drop in price. The OPEC cartel is reaping the benefits of record profits at the expense of the American consumer and economy. Saudi Arabia was producing

roughly 9.55 million barrels per day (MBPD) in 2005, but it dropped production down to 8.72 MBPD last year. By their own estimates, they have the capacity to produce over 11 MBPD. Both Kuwait and the UAE are also producing below their total capacity.

At a time when high energy prices are causing widespread anxiety among American households, we question the merit of rewarding members of OPEC with lucrative arms sales. The perverse incentives created by this arrangement suggest a callous disregard for the devastating impact on the American economy of high energy prices.

We question why your administration would reward Saudi Arabia for its failure to increase its crude oil production with the sale of 900 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) kits that could top \$100 million. We question why your administration would reward the UAE with a Patriot missile defense deal that could be worth as much as \$9 billion. And we question why your administration rewarded Kuwait by offering \$2 billion in arms sales. All told, in the past six months, your administration has proposed selling almost \$14 billion worth of weapons to Gulf members of OPEC who contributed to the global oil crisis.

While some of us have concerns in general about arming this region to the teeth, should Saudi Arabia or the UAE fail to significantly increase daily production of crude oil, we would be compelled to block any and all sales of weapons from the United States to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and would consider exploring blocking additional weapons sales to other OPEC members.

While we are fighting an immensely expensive war in Iraq, which the administration intended to be paid for by Iraq's oil revenues, American taxpayers have ended up footing the bill in the form of rising energy costs. At the same time, the Department of Defense continues to ship billions of dollars in weapons systems to the very same OPEC countries enjoying the windfall oil profits. The American people deserve better. We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senate



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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman,

I am writing to express my concerns about the rapidly rising price of home heating oil and its impact on households in the Northeast, especially in New Hampshire.

As you know, over the past few years, the price of heating oil has increased dramatically. According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), for 2007, the average residential heating oil price was \$2.72 per gallon. This year, the price is expected to increase 45 percent to \$3.95 per gallon, and climb higher in 2009, to \$4.25 per gallon. In New Hampshire, heating oil is even more expensive, with a current average price of \$4.53 per gallon. Five years ago, heating oil in the Granite State only cost \$1.40 per gallon.

The Northeast is disproportionately impacted by these rapidly escalating heating oil prices, since 32 percent of residents depend on heating oil as their primary fuel source. New Hampshire is even more reliant, with 56 percent of residents using heating oil to heat their homes. Contrast that with other areas of the country, such as the Midwest, where only 3 percent use heating oil and the majority of residents, or 79 percent, use natural gas.

During the cold winter months, many households in New Hampshire must turn on their oil furnace to stay warm; however, rising prices can force them to choose between heat and other basic necessities. This is a choice that no American should face, and I respectfully request an update on what steps the Department of Energy (DOE) is taking to address this important and timely issue.

Sincerely,

Judd Gregg
Judd Gregg
U.S. Senator

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JOHN WARNER
VIRGINIA

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United States Senate

July 3, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write today with respect to the high cost of gasoline. Today, the average cost of a gallon of regular gasoline is more than \$4.10. This is an increase of well over a dollar a gallon from a year ago.

As you know, each and every day, Americans struggle to cope with this rapid, record increase in fuel costs. Across the United States, individual Americans are taking their own initiatives to find ways to reduce gas consumption through driving less, altering daily routines, and even changing or cancelling family vacation plans.

To date, as far as I can determine, the federal government has taken few, if any, initiatives to join in this national effort to help address this ever increasing crisis.

I believe it is essential that we continue to modernize our energy infrastructure and develop a reliable, commonsense American energy strategy – one that includes new supplies from domestic exploration and extraction, encourages conservation, and promotes the use and advancement of clean, renewable energies.

I am among a group of many senators today who are working in a bipartisan fashion to find a solution. For the past several years, I have supported permitting the Commonwealth of Virginia to explore and extract energy offshore if its Governor and General Assembly so desire. This concept has just recently gained the support of the administration and a growing number of colleagues in Congress.

However, the truth is that new technologies and new sources of energy will not provide meaningful relief for years to come as new technologies are developed and as new sources of energy are discovered and extracted. We must be straight with the American public and not raise hopes that these efforts will provide immediate solutions and possible relief.

There are ways to give some immediate relief. In my view, new conservation efforts are the quickest way to see an immediate reduction in the price of gas at the pump. The American public is already doing its part through individual means of cutting back.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
July 3, 2008
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On a federal level, on May 22, 2008, Senator Bingaman and I introduced, and the Senate unanimously passed by voice vote, a sense-of-the-Senate resolution (S. Res. 577) that urged the President to initiate, among all federal departments and agencies of the executive branch, a reduction of their daily consumption of gasoline - if only by a small percentage.

To my knowledge, the administration has not responded to the Senate's action. In the absence of pending administration action, Congress should join with the public and make the concepts in the sense-of-the-Senate resolution a mandatory law.

Turning to another concept, I call to your attention action taken by the Congress and the executive branch during a similar petroleum shortage that occurred in 1973 and 1974. In January 1974, the President signed into law "The Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act" (Public Law 93-239), which passed both the House and Senate unanimously. This law was enacted in an effort to conserve fuel.

Specifically, the law put forth inducements for states to reduce speed limits to .55 miles per hour (mph) on all major highways. Failure to do so would jeopardize the ability of states to secure federal highway funds. The law was originally intended to be temporary, ceasing to be in effect if the President declared that there was no longer a fuel shortage or on or after June 30, 1975, whichever occurred first.

According to a Congressional Research Service report, the law resulted in reduced consumption of 167,000 barrels of petroleum a day, a roughly 2 percent reduction in the nation's highway fuel consumption. In addition, the National Academy of Sciences found that the law saved up to 4,000 lives per year from highway accidents. Given the significant increase in the number of vehicles on America's highway system from 1974 to 2008, one could assume that the amount of fuel that could be conserved today is far greater.

Given the fuel savings of the act, and the resulting significant decrease in highway fatalities attributable to the national speed limit, Congress made the national speed limit permanent in December 1974. In 1995, the law was repealed.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to study this era of conservation, as I have, to determine whether the administration, with the support of Congress, should take similar action today.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy Web site, engineering data shows that fuel efficiency decreases rapidly above 60 mph. Specifically, for every 5 mph an individual drives over 60 mph, that individual essentially is paying an extra 30 cents per gallon in fuel costs.

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
July 3, 2008
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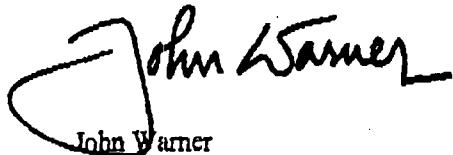
As Congress continues to look for ways to ease this national problem, I put to you the following questions. I will share your responses with my colleagues.

- (1) Given the significant technological improvements since 1974, at what speed is the typical vehicle traveling on America's highways today most fuel efficient?
- (2) If a national speed limit was enacted similar to the 1974 law, but the speed limit under that law was consistent with most fuel efficient speed for the typical vehicle traveling on America's highways, what would be a reasonable projection for total fuel savings? And, what would be the savings for the average citizen who owns and operates a vehicle?
- (3) If a new national speed limit was enacted consistent with the two questions listed above, how many fewer barrels of petroleum a day would Americans consume? Is it reasonable to believe that there would be a reduction in price at the pump? And, if so, what are the ranges you could project for cost reductions?
- (4) If the federal government took the initiative to reduce its oil consumption, consistent the concepts of the sense-of-the-Senate resolution (S. Res. 577) how many fewer barrels of petroleum a day would be saved by the federal government?

Given that Congress, upon its return next week, will be vigorously considering all options, your response to this request could be of great help to my colleagues and me. Again, years ago, the Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act worked. The administration's advice, after examining this era and these concepts, would be helpful.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


John Warner

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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration

III

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 577

To express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of gasoline and other fuels by Federal departments and agencies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2008

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BURR, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. REID, and Mr. DORGAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of gasoline and other fuels by Federal departments and agencies.

Whereas each day, as Americans contend with rising gasoline prices, personal stories reflect the ways in which—

- (1) family budgets are suffering; and
- (2) the cost of gasoline is impacting the way Americans cope with that serious problem in family and work environments;

Whereas, as a consequence of economic pressures, Americans are finding ways to reduce consumption of gasoline, such as—

- (1) driving less frequently;
- (2) altering daily routines; and

(3) even changing family vacation plans;

Whereas those conservation efforts bring hardships but save funds that can be redirected to meet essential family needs;

Whereas, just as individuals are reducing energy consumption, the Federal Government, including Congress, should take steps to conserve energy;

Whereas a Government-wide initiative to conserve energy would send a signal to Americans that the Federal Government—

- (1) recognizes the burdens imposed by unprecedented energy costs; and
- (2) will participate in activities to reduce energy consumption; and

Whereas an overall reduction of gasoline consumption by the Federal Government by even a few percentage points would send a strong signal that, as a nation, the United States is joining to conserve energy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
2 President should require all Federal departments and
3 agencies to take initiatives to reduce daily consumption
4 of gasoline and other fuels by the departments and agen-
5 cies.

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July 09, 2008

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MIKE THOMPSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE INCREASE FUEL PRICES AND ITS
NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE OF HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY

COMMENTS:

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June 19, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing in regard to the unprecedented increase in fuel prices and its negative impact on the people of my congressional district and across the country. Mr. President, your immediate action is required to mitigate this problem.

Unfortunately, politics at its worst has raised its ugly head in the debate over high fuel prices. As you know, this will do nothing to lower prices at the pump nor will it help restore confidence in our government, both things you and I have a responsibility to address.

Specifically, the drumbeat from some public officials to expand drilling in the United States has become deafening. However, the fact remains that even if we began drilling in new areas today, it would take ten years for this oil to reach consumers. Moreover, there are 68 million acres of federal land under lease to oil companies where oil production could begin tomorrow, yet they remained untouched.

The simple truth is that opening further land to drilling has not worked in the past, and will have no impact on fuel prices in the foreseeable future. These facts are undeniable:

- Currently, oil and gas companies hold leases on over 90 million acres of federal lands on and offshore, yet are producing oil from only a quarter of this land, leaving recoverable oil in the ground to appreciate as prices rise;
- The five largest integrated oil companies used their record-breaking profits last year to buy back \$50 billion worth of stock rather than investing in infrastructure improvements that would reduce supply disruptions that cause prices to rise;
- Drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) would not produce any oil for 8 to 10 years. If the best estimates of oil reserves in ANWR are true, this would only save consumers 1.8 cents per gallon of gasoline in 2030;
- The likely increase in supply from ANWR would not have as much of an impact as the reduction in demand due to increased corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards, which are estimated to save the average American family \$700-1000 per year by 2020; and,
- Opening all of the outer continental shelf, including the coast of California, to offshore oil drilling would save only three or four cents per gallon of gasoline several years from now while exposing our beaches and coastlines to potentially devastating oil spills.

The Honorable George W. Bush
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June 19, 2008

Regarding the issue of speculation, I understand this activity accounts for up to 25% of the cost of a barrel of oil. It would benefit the people of our great country, who are buying gas and diesel to commute to work, travel, drive to the store or to see their doctor, for our offices to work together to stop this damaging profiteering at the expense of our economy and the people we represent. Currently, a speculator can trade a contract for the future delivery of 1000 barrels of oil (worth around \$135,000) by putting up as little as \$9,625. We must be careful that prices are not being driven beyond reasonable market levels by excessively leveraged speculators.

Releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) immediately into the market would add to crude oil inventories, which, according to the Energy Information Administration, have dwindled significantly over the past several weeks. This would send a strong and meaningful message to speculators and would go far in dampening the intense volatility that we have seen recently in oil markets. As you know, the SPR was at 97% of capacity this morning, over 705.7 million barrels. Reducing the reserve to 90% of capacity would boost the supply of oil by 50 million barrels, approximately the amount that you attempted to secure from the Saudi government on your recent visit with King Abdullah. Using the SPR to temporarily increase the oil supply would help to counter the significant premium speculators are adding to the current price per barrel.

In addition to taking steps to provide relief for fuel prices in the short-term, I believe our long-term energy policy must also address:

- Extending tax incentives for renewable energy technology, such as solar, wind, biomass, and cellulosic biofuels;
- Encouraging the development of more fuel efficient cars and continuing tax credits for individuals who purchase hybrid cars;
- Incentivize the development of a filling station infrastructure to support hydrogen fueled vehicles;
- Increasing our investments in public transportation to allow for further conservation of fuel;
- Investment in expanding current refining capacity and requiring diligent development of existing leases that have already been permitted by the federal government for oil drilling; and,
- Ensure the consideration and development of other energy technologies.

In conclusion, please join those of us in Congress trying to solve this problem and encourage those spreading unproductive rhetoric to instead work with us to address the need for both short-term action and a long-term energy policy. It is incumbent upon us to take immediate action to address this crisis before rising fuel prices do any more harm to the American people.

Sincerely,



MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

July 14, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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DOCUMENT DATE: JUNE 30, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: JOHN LARSON
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO ENGAGE HIS COUNTERPARTS AT
THE G8 SUMMIT IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE GLOBAL OIL
SPECULATION AND OTHER QUESTIONABLE MARKET ACTIVITIES

COMMENTS:

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**Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515**

June 30 2008

The President
The White House
Washington DC

Dear Mr. President:

The upcoming July 2008 G-8 Summit is an important opportunity to tackle the problem of rising oil prices on a global scale. We urge you to engage your counterparts in efforts to reduce global oil speculation and other questionable market activities that distort the supply and demand market equation and artificially distort the price of these commodities.

While we understand that global supply and demand issues as well as the weak U.S. dollar play a role in determining price – the fact remains that current supply and demand conditions do not add up to current market price increases. Speculation, in most cases by individuals that will never take a barrel of oil into inventory, is placing a distorted premium on the price of oil. This is evident by the nearly \$240 billion growth in oil future investments since 2000. On March 4, 2008, Guy Caruso, Administrator of the Energy Information Administration testified before the Senate that speculation was currently adding as much as 10 percent to the price of oil, a relatively conservative estimate compared to some from the private sector. As far back as March 15, 2005, Exxon Mobile CEO Lee Raymond was quoted in the *New York Times* saying "We are in the mode where the fundamentals of supply and demand really don't drive the price." Three years later, during questioning in April 2008 before the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, Stephen Simon of Exxon Mobil cited speculation as one of the major causes of the exorbitant oil and gas prices we've seen, while executives from Shell, BP, Chevron, and ConocoPhillips agreed.

The U.S. is not alone facing the effects of the recent high spike in oil prices. On May 28, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown wrote in *The Guardian* that "a global shock on this scale require global solutions" and argued that a global strategy to address the impact of higher oil prices be on the agenda for this year's G-8 Summit. We agree with the need for greater international cooperation in bringing transparency to the global petroleum commodity and derivative markets and urge you to join with Prime Minister Brown and other G-8 leaders to discuss solutions to this critical issue.

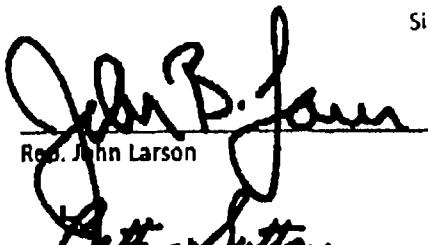
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The recent announcement by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on May 29 that they have reached agreements with the United Kingdom Financial Services Authority (FSA) and the ICE Futures Europe for expanded information sharing on trading activities in regulated markets is a step in the right direction. However, this effort stops far short of bringing transparency to the currently unregulated markets. It ignores transactions currently excluded or exempted from CFTC oversight under Sections 2(g) and 2(h) of the Commodities Exchange Act. We remain concerned that it is impossible to draw realistic conclusions about market behavior when looking at only a fraction of the market.

Without a comprehensive review of activities in the entire petroleum market, it is unlikely that truly accurate assessment of speculative behavior and its impact on price can be made. This is particularly true in today's global economy, where strategic cooperation and coordination among nations is necessary to ensure stability and transparency in globally traded commodities. In the banking sector, the inter-governmental Financial Action Task Force (FATF) created at the 1989 G-7 conference to develop and promote national and international policies to combat money laundering and later terrorist financing has proved a successful model of international financial information exchange and policy development.

As you prepare for next month's G-8 summit, we urge you to discuss with your colleagues a similar effort focused on building international transparency in oil commodity transactions and developing policies to thwart speculative positioning or other manipulative behavior that impacts prices and undermines market fundamentals.

Sincerely,


Rep. John Larson

Rep. Betty Sutton

Rep. André Carson

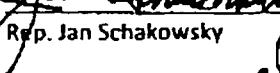
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DOCUMENT DATE: JULY 15, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: OLYMPIA SNOWE
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: WRTIES CONCERNING OUR COUNTRY'S GROWING ENERGY
CRISIS AND ASK THAT THE PRESIDENT MOVE AHEAD WITH A
NATIONAL SUMMIT WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AND
ADDITIONAL NATIONAL LEADERS TO DEVELOP A
COMPREHENSIVE, CONSENSUS ENERGY PROPOSAL

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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July 15, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

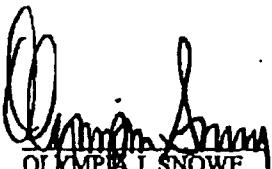
We are writing to you regarding our country's growing energy crisis and the opportunity we envision for addressing what is fast-becoming an emergency.

Although both political parties have outlined energy policies, neither has yet been able to achieve the bipartisan consensus necessary to forge a workable path forward. Meanwhile, the status quo continues to fail the American people. It is, therefore, more imperative than ever that we develop a bipartisan agreement which embraces the entire spectrum of solutions readily available to us to end our unacceptable dependence on foreign oil. This energy stalemate must be broken – and we believe it can be broken, if there is a demonstrable, good-faith commitment from both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. Accordingly, we are urging you and your administration to consider moving ahead with a national summit with congressional leaders and additional national leaders to develop a comprehensive, consensus energy proposal.

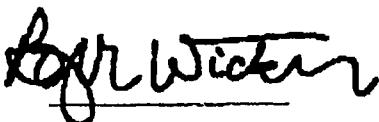
As you are well aware, the cost of crude oil has already climbed 58 percent this year and has more than doubled from just a year ago. This meteoric increase in energy prices has translated into an enormous tax, placing an economic stranglehold on the American people. Americans are understandably concerned about the rising costs of commuting to work, heating their homes, and buying groceries. Our national reliance on foreign oil continues to undermine and threaten American security and provide billions for America's enemies. This untenable situation deserves a solution that offers both short-term relief as well as a long-term strategy.

We look forward to working with you to achieve meaningful energy solutions in the coming weeks, and we appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,


OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
United States Senator


E. BENJAMIN NELSON
United States Senator





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July 25, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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MEDIA: LETTER

DOCUMENT DATE: JULY 09, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: OLYMPIA SNOWE
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE REACTION OF PRESS
SECRETARY TO CONGRESS CALL FOR A NATIONAL EMERGENCY
SUMMIT ON ENERGY

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 9, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We were disappointed to learn of the reaction of your press secretary to our call for a national emergency summit on energy. In view of the urgency of the matter, we strongly believe that calling all of the stakeholders together will help build a path to energy security.

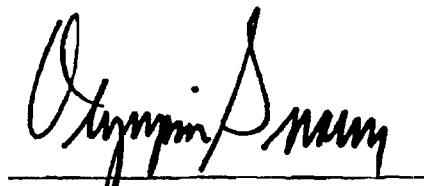
Mr. President, the American people expect Congress and the Administration to move beyond position statements and create a workable national energy policy. Americans currently spend an average of 6.5 percent of their household budgets on energy. For households in the bottom quarter of incomes, 11.6 percent now goes to energy costs. Along the northern tier of this country, skyrocketing heating costs are making this winter a frightening prospect.

Although both parties have outlined energy policies, neither has been able to achieve the bipartisan consensus necessary to forge a workable solution. Meanwhile, the status quo continues to fail the American people. We believe it is

imperative that you work with Congress to convene a national energy summit to bring together key stakeholders with the goal of developing consensus on sensible proposals that address the crisis facing the American people.

We will continue working on a bipartisan basis to make this happen and look forward to having your commitment in this effort.

Sincerely,



OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
United States Senator



E. BENJAMIN NELSON
United States Senator

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July 29, 2008

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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510**SUBJECT:** EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PART IN
REDUCING ENERGY USE BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND GOVERNMENT
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United States Senate

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1501

July 10, 2008

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

Hard-working Americans across the country are struggling to cope with the rising costs for energy. With crude oil at over \$1 35 a barrel and gasoline averaging over \$4.00 a gallon, Americans are spending ever more of their family budgets on transportation costs. In my travels across the state of Iowa, I've heard from farmers, small businesses, truck drivers and families who are desperately in need of help.

Because of the increased cost for fuel, American's are forced to take measures to reduce their consumption, either by driving less, combining errands, car pooling, or driving a more fuel efficient vehicle. These measures don't eliminate the burden of high gas prices, but they're small steps that can be taken to increase efficiency and reduce consumption. While people across the country are looking for ways to reduce their fuel burden by using less, the federal government doesn't appear to be taking the same steps to reduce wasteful energy consumption and save taxpayer money. I know you'll agree that the federal government should be leading in this area, not lagging.

Each and every day, there are likely dozens, if not hundreds of federal government SUVs and sedans idling for hours in Washington alone while waiting for their passengers. Some of the biggest culprits of this practice are vehicles attending to cabinet secretaries, deputy secretaries and assistant secretaries. I understand that in some cases the idling may be necessary. But, I would imagine that in an overwhelming majority of the situations there is no reason for a car or SUV to remain idling for hours on end. Surely there are simple and painless steps the federal government could take to do its part to reduce energy use, including eliminating this wasteful behavior.

Some might say these cases are a spit in the ocean of our energy problems, but the limousines and SUVs of high-level government leaders are important symbols of leadership and their actions are sending a message that they're out of touch. There are likely thousands of situations such as this where fuel is being wasted by federal employees who have never been instructed to use common sense to reduce fuel use in their daily job duties.

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I hope you'll see fit to challenge the federal bureaucracy to look for ways to eliminate blatantly wasteful behavior that is costing the American taxpayer and also contributing to the high cost of fuel at the pump. I look forward to hearing the actions you intend to take to ensure the efficient use of fuel by federal government employees and vehicles. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chuck Grassley
Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
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August 05, 2008

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DOCUMENT DATE: AUGUST 01, 2008

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MIKE PENCE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMMEDIATELY BRING THE CONGRESS
BACK INTO SESSION TO GIVE THE BIPARTISAN PRO-DRILLING
MAJORITY A VOTE

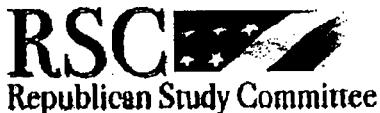
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August 1, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The House of Representatives has not taken a vote since January 2007 that would expand domestic energy production. All the while, Americans are hurting. Every time they go to fill-up their cars, trucks or tractors they feel the pain at the pump. High gas prices are harming the vitality of our families, the elderly, small businesses, and family farms. Each and every American is affected.

Today the Democrat controlled Congress adjourned for a five-week vacation without taking a vote on bipartisan measures that would lessen our dependence on foreign oil by allowing more domestic drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf. In fact, they adjourned without even allowing time for debate on the subject of drilling.

On July 14, 2008, you took the strong action of lifting the executive order that had banned offshore drilling. In so doing, you said that allowing offshore oil drilling is "one of the most important steps we can take" to reduce the burden of high gas prices. Now, all it would take is an act of Congress for that drilling to begin.

Since Speaker Pelosi has decided not to keep the House in session to allow this vote to take place, we urge you to use the power vested in you by the Constitution to convene an immediate energy special session of Congress. Under Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution, you have the power "on extraordinary occasions" to convene the Congress.

We believe that the energy emergency that has increased the pain felt by Americans when they purchase \$4 per gallon gasoline is an extraordinary occasion. We urge you to immediately bring the Congress back into session to do its job and give the bipartisan, pro-drilling majority a vote.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Mike Pence
Member of Congress

Jeb Hensarling
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

August 11, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ARLEN SPECTER
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CALL CONGRESS BACK INTO
SESSION TO USE THE AUG RECESS TO LEGISLATE ON ENERGY
IN AN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH THE HIGH COST OF OIL AND
GASOLINE AT THE PUMP

COMMENTS:

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United States Senate

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August 5, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to call Congress back into session to use the August recess to legislate on energy in an effort to deal with the high cost of oil and gasoline at the pump.

On July 28, 2008 in a floor debate, I challenged Majority Leader Reid directly to keep the Senate in session during August for that purpose. He declined, responding that Republicans would "suffer" more than Democrats because more Republican Senate seats were in jeopardy. I countered with the observation that it wasn't a matter of whether Republicans or Democrats would "suffer" the most, but that the issue was the suffering of the American people from the high cost of oil and gasoline.

For months the Senate has been dysfunctional and gridlocked for reasons specified in my op-ed article (copy enclosed) which is published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* today. I further suggest that you call upon Senator Reid to suspend his practice of "filling the tree," at least during the August session so that the Senate can perform its traditional function and legislate.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

The Philadelphia Inquirer

August 5, 2008

A 'do-nothing' U.S. Senate? Then, fight its use of arcane, unfair tactic

Sen. Arlen Specter

is a Republican representing Pennsylvania

Last Friday, the "do-nothing" Senate adjourned for the August recess without taking any action on the prices of oil or gas at the pump and other key issues, because the "world's greatest deliberative body" is gridlocked.

The American people need to know why, so that public pressure can be applied to make the Senate do its job. A practice has evolved where the majority leaders, both Republicans and Democrats, have used a procedural device called "filling the tree" to bar any other senator from offering any amendment.

Until 1993, this tactic was seldom used, so that any senator had a right to offer virtually any amendment to any bill at any time. That, plus unlimited debate, made the Senate a unique legislative forum to air important public policy issues and to acquaint the public with the need for new laws.

The importance of allowing senators the right to offer amendments can't be overstated. It is through the amendment process that bad legislation is made palatable and palatable legislation is made better. That changed when majority leaders from both parties found they could gain partisan political advantage by using their power to offer a sufficient number of amendments to fill the tree. This arcane, inside-the-Beltway tactic needs to be understood so that the American people can insist on its being stopped.

When the Oil Speculators Bill was brought up July 23, Democratic Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada filled the tree. Reid then moved for cloture, which means to cut off further debate so that the legislation would move to final passage.

I joined in helping to defeat cloture, which required 60 votes. Even though I favored the basic principles of the legislation, I opposed it because I was precluded from offering an amendment to subject OPEC nations to our antitrust laws, which would stop them from raising the international price of oil by acting jointly to lower production.

Then the finger-pointing began between Republicans for killing the bill by filibustering to defeat cloture. The truth is that the fault was the fault of Reid and his majority leader because Republicans were not in a position to offer amendments. The public was left confused and bewildered.

Nothing got done.

With the Oil Speculators Bill dead, no other legislation could be considered under Senate rules without dislodging that bill. Republicans refused to set aside the bill, arguing that oil and gasoline prices were the most urgent problems facing the nation.

There was a significant element of politics in the Republican position, but it was also solid on the merits. This impasse resulted in the Senate's not considering other important legislation, such as Defense Department funding, tax credits for alternative energy, increasing funds for low-income heating energy assistance, and the re-authorization of the farm bill.

When the shoe was on the other foot and Republicans controlled the Senate, I voted against a bill to amend to denounce then-Majority Leader Sen. Bill Frist (R., Tenn.) for filling the tree.

On May 22, 2006, Frist and I agreed to "fill the amendment tree," which is very bad practice. It runs against the basic tenet of the Senate: "The cornerstone of the Senate is free speech and open debate." Missouri Democratic Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut said May 11, 2006, that filling the tree "to basically lock out any amendment... runs contrary to the very essence of the body."

I have long opposed this tactic. In February 2007, I introduced Senate Resolution 63 calling for a revision of the Senate rules to prohibit filling the tree. Notwithstanding my frequent requests, the Senate Committee on Rules failed to act on this proposal.

Once the American people understand what is happening to subvert the legislative process, sufficient public pressure could be mounted to change this. We must restore equilibrium and fair play to the Senate.

To e-mail Sen. Specter, complete the contact form on his Web site at www.specter.senate.gov.

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
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August 20, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: DOUG LAMBORN
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO BRING THE CONGRESS BACK INTO
SESSION AND GIVE THE BIPARTISAN PRODRILLING MAJORITY A
VOTE

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0605

August 4, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The House of Representatives has not taken a vote since January 2007 that would expand domestic energy production. All the while, Americans, including my Colorado constituents, are hurting. Every time they go to fill up their cars, trucks or tractors they feel the pain at the pump. High gas prices are harming the vitality of our families, the elderly, small businesses, and family farms. Each and every American is affected.

The Democrat controlled Congress adjourned for a five-week vacation without taking a vote on bipartisan measures that would lessen our dependence on foreign oil by allowing more domestic drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf. In fact, they adjourned without even allowing time for debate on the subject of drilling.

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I believe that the current energy emergency is such an extraordinary occasion. I urge you to immediately bring the Congress back into session to do its job and give the bipartisan, pro-drilling majority a vote.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress

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FROM: ED MARKEY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE ACTION TO HALT ALL EXPORT OF
U.S. OIL OVERSEAS TO PROTECT AMERICAN CONSUMERS

COMMENTS:

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Select Committee on
 Energy Independence and Global Warming
 U.S. House of Representatives

762531

August 19, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
 President
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Last year, the United States sent an average of 1.433 million barrels a day of oil and petroleum products to foreign nations. That number has since jumped to 1.806 million barrels a day in May 2008, the most recent month for which data is available. That export level amounts to nearly 10 percent of all the oil the United States consumes every day. In addition, the United States reached the highest level of oil exports in our nation's history in February of this year. Rather than being shipped overseas, that oil should remain here at home to help American consumers who are facing record energy prices.

Sending America's vital energy resources overseas during our time of need should stop. I am writing to urge you to determine whether you have authority to take action to immediately halt all exports of U.S. oil, and if not, to work with Congress to give the Executive Branch authority to protect America's vital resources. Continuing to allow oil companies to export domestically produced oil at a time of near record gas prices is only exacerbating our current energy crisis. It is imperative that action be taken to immediately halt all shipments of domestically produced oil overseas to protect American consumers.

You have called for lifting the moratoria on offshore drilling off our beaches on the East and West Coasts and Florida in order to produce more oil domestically. However, your own Department of Energy projects that at the height of production, in 2030, increased offshore drilling would produce only 200,000 barrels per day—one ninth the amount of oil we currently send to foreign countries every day. Moreover, at the current export rate, by the time the first barrel of oil could be produced from increased offshore drilling, we would have already exported the equivalent of nearly 40 percent of the oil that is projected to lie beneath protected areas offshore.

It is unacceptable to allow our domestically produced oil to be exported in such large quantities while America is facing an energy crisis. You must step forward to protect

Hon. George W. Bush
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American consumers and our national security by determining how to stop the export of all U.S. oil

Sincerely,

Ed Markey

Edward J. Markey
Chairman

cc: Mr. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0103

September 19, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I respectfully request that you take action promptly to help relieve a shortage of gasoline in some areas of the nation, including some in my home state of Alabama.

Immediately following Hurricane Ike, East Alabama, along with other parts of the nation, experienced a spike in the price of gasoline. The office of the Attorney General in Alabama has been vigilant in investigating any attempts of price gouging at the pump.

Since that time, my office has been closely monitoring the number of gas stations that have completely run out of fuel. This is a deeply distressing situation for many of my constituents, and if left unchecked could have a severe impact on emergency services, the economy, and the lives of people in East Alabama. It is my understanding that besides redirecting domestic supplies of gasoline, that the possibility exists to request the emergency import of refined gasoline from the International Energy Agency to hard hit areas like ours in Alabama. If this is indeed a short-term option, I strongly encourage you to take that action to help bring increased supplies of fuel.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this serious matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon on whatever options exist to help bring relief.

Sincerely,

Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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United States Senate
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September 25, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
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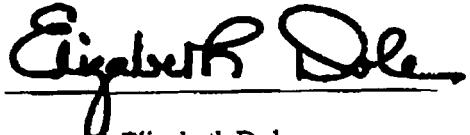
Dear Mr. Secretary,

In light of recent diminished United States refinery capacity in the wake of Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, and the subsequent shortage of gasoline in North Carolina and across the southeast United States, action must be taken now. There must be relief to this energy crisis. The situation is especially critical in Western North Carolina, where our offices have been receiving disturbing reports regarding gasoline shortages. In the Charlotte area, an increasing number of gasoline stations are out of fuel, prompting motorists to wait in line for several hours and forcing some to abandon their cars after running out of gas. Police have been dispatched to several areas as long lines of hundreds of motorists have disrupted traffic. Schools in the area have closed for the rest of the week because of the gas shortage since many students and teachers have no fuel to drive to school. This is a harmful toll on our economy and security during an already distressed time.

Given these disturbing developments, an International Energy Agency (IEA) emergency release of gasoline and diesel fuel to the United States is justified. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, weekly gasoline inventories were at the lowest level since the agency started keeping records in 1990. We have been notified by your Department that there are still six oil refineries that are inoperable along the Gulf Coast, and many more that will take up to two weeks to ramp up to full capacity. This represents far too great a shortage, for far too long of a time, of refined product available to the country.

With an IEA release of emergency supplies of gasoline and diesel to the United States, we can help alleviate an increasingly dire situation in North Carolina and across the country. We respectfully request that you call upon the IEA for immediate assistance.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Dole



Richard Burr

**THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
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October 29, 2008

TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: ED MARKEY
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO PRESSURE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
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COMMENTS:

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769278

October 23, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

News reports indicate that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has scheduled an emergency meeting tomorrow in order to cut petroleum production. OPEC's current president, Chakib Khelil, was quoted as saying that he expects the cartel to decide in favor of a "significant" production cut at the meeting –as much as 2 million barrels per day. Any increase in energy prices right now would further compound our economic troubles and adversely impact American families. As a result, I am writing to urge you to use every tool at your disposal in order to pressure OPEC to not reduce production.

While oil and gas prices have declined in recent weeks, American consumers and our economy are still feeling the strains of the record prices we saw this summer. Earlier this year, oil hit record highs of nearly \$150 per barrel and gas averaged more than \$4 per gallon nationwide. Consumers have been spending more on everything from gas to groceries and are in desperate need of relief.

American consumers are also facing an impending home heating crisis this winter. According to the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) *Short Term Energy and Winter Fuels Outlook*, "Average household expenditures for all space-heating fuels are projected to be \$1,137 this winter (October 1 to March 31), a 15-percent increase over the estimated \$986 spent last winter. The largest increases will be in households using heating oil and natural gas." With consumers already facing home heating costs that will be significantly higher than last year, any additional increase as a result of OPEC cutting production could mean that many families will face choices between purchasing food or purchasing fuel this winter.

Meanwhile, according to the EIA, OPEC member nations have already earned an estimated \$821 billion in net oil export earnings through September and could ultimately earn more than \$1 trillion in 2008. It would be unconscionable for OPEC to cut production as our economy is reeling and its countries are already seeing profits gush into their pockets.

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I strongly urge you to take immediate action to help American consumers and our economy by pressuring OPEC to keep production at current levels at their meeting tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Edward J. Markey
Edward J. Markey
Chairman

cc: Mr. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Ranking Member

Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (RW)

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1. **Secretary Samuel W. Bodman's courtesy copy of a letter addressed to RW/Jan Summerson and Lee Bishop from Senators Harry Reid and John Ensign, Representatives Shelley Berkley, Jon Porter, and Dean Heller**

Subject: Senators Reid and Ensign, Representatives Berkley, Porter, and Heller writes RW/Summerson and Bishop regarding two Draft Supplemental Repository and Rail Alignment EIS that were published in October 2007 concerning Yucca Mountain

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2. **Letter to RW/Edward F. Sproat from Chairman Committee on Environment and Public Works Barbara Boxer**

Subject: Chairman Barbara Boxer requests DOE explain why it has not included in its supplemental Environmental Impact Statement an analysis of the risks and impacts to California that are associated with transporting waste to Yucca Mountain

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

January 10, 2008

Dr. Jane Summerson and Mr. Lee Bishop
EIS Office
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, DOE
1551 Hillshire Dr.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

- Re: U.S. Department of Energy, Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250F-S1D).
- Re: U.S. Department of Energy, Draft Supplemental EIS for Nevada Rail Transportation Corridor, and Draft EIS for a Rail Alignment for the Construction and Operation of a Railroad in Nevada to a Geologic Repository at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada (DOE/EIS-0250F-S2D and DOE/EIS-0369D).

Dear Dr. Summerson and Mr. Bishop:

We write in regard to the two Draft Supplemental Repository and Rail Alignment Environmental Impact Statements (Repository SEIS and Rail SEIS) that were published in October 2007. The SEISs are incomplete; based on flawed assumptions; and lack essential environmental, technical, and economic analysis. While we are firmly opposed to the Department's efforts to obtain construction authorization for a repository in Nevada, we also believe that it would be dishonest and dangerous for the Department to rely on incomplete environmental analyses to support its license application.

Draft Repository SEIS

Below, we have highlighted several issues that bring into question the quality and completeness of the Repository SEIS. We are skeptical whether the Department can adequately address these issues by the time it plans to submit a license application for construction to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Department's failure to examine the performance of a standardized transport, aging, and disposal (TAD) canister after the proposed repository has been closed is conspicuous. Although DOE has made TAD canisters a fundamental component of its spent nuclear fuel transportation methods, its interim storage plan, and its proposed geologic repository design, the Department does not even give proper consideration to how TAD canisters will perform after emplacement in the proposed repository.

While the absence of such analysis is troubling, it is not surprising, considering that the DOE does not yet have a final TAD design. Without a final TAD design, estimated impacts of TAD canisters are subject to change and are unreliable as a basis for determining long-term repository performance. Moreover, the Department cannot provide any reliable estimate of what percentage of spent nuclear fuel – they only offer a “goal of 90 percent” – will actually arrive in TAD canisters and what percentage will have to be repackaged by DOE at the repository prior to emplacement. It is clear that the Department’s proposal to rely on TAD canisters for shipping, aging, and disposal is still in the early stages of development and is not yet ready for serious NEPA analysis.

A second issue that DOE should reconsider in its final Repository SEIS is that the locations for several planned facilities are not specified in the draft SEIS. For example, the locations for an explosives storage area, cask maintenance facility, solid waste landfill, and borrow pits have not yet been fixed. These facilities would contain hazardous, explosive, and/or radioactive materials and could be exposed to seismic activity, flooding, and other natural disasters. As these facilities could have a significant impact on the environment, the Repository SEIS cannot be complete without specified locations and complete environmental analysis for each facility.

Additionally, the DOE has based its conclusions about post-closure environmental impact on the assumption that the government will install 11,500 titanium drip shields over waste canisters sometime in the next 100 to 300 years. This approach is extremely problematic – not only is it impossible to know whether these drip shields will actually ever be installed one to three centuries from today, it is also speculative to assume that we will have adequate titanium to do so or that the proposed repository will be in a physical condition that allows these drip shields to be installed. Simply put, it appears that DOE has crafted the idea of installing drip shields in an attempt to show that a repository could meet EPA’s Radiation Protection Standards for Yucca Mountain without considering the idea’s feasibility. While it may be prudent for the DOE to consider the technology and science behind using drip shields for geologic storage of nuclear waste, it is irresponsible for the Department to assume the application of drip shields in its NEPA and license application documents for Yucca Mountain.

Further, it appears that many statements in the Repository SEIS are unsupported. In several instances, there are no scientific references listed to support claims on topics such as volcanic eruptions, nuclear criticality, and radiation dosages for members of the public. In any final NEPA documents that DOE publishes, we are hopeful that the Department will ensure that references are complete so that statements and claims can be efficiently and effectively considered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the public, and all interested parties.

Draft Rail SEIS

We remain deeply concerned with the Department’s plans for constructing a rail line through Nevada to Yucca Mountain. The Caliente Rail Corridor – the Department’s

preferred route – would send spent nuclear fuel over 300 miles through Nevada. With no existing rail line, the construction of the Caliente Corridor would have a significant impact on the environment and water quality and could interfere with new renewable energy development and mining. Worse, the trains could be exposed to rock falls, landslides, and potential earthquakes while carrying nuclear waste – a devastating possibility that warrants meticulous analysis by the Department. Unfortunately, such a level of analysis has not yet been completed.

The Rail SEIS lacks adequate analysis of fundamental aspects – from geology to land use and cultural resources to energy resources – and the Department has not fully considered how the Caliente Corridor will impact Nevada. The Rail SEIS leaves out critical information related to geologic events and seismic impacts that could disrupt the railway as well as nuclear waste shipments. Despite the fact that the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires a full disclosure of environmental impacts, with the goal of achieving transparency, DOE has not provided maps of surface faults or buried faults, which could threaten the integrity of the railway.

With respect to the environment, the Rail SEIS does not provide a complete evaluation of the Caliente Corridor's potential impact on the environment. The Department has failed to closely consider soil erosion and harms to water quality near the railroads, which suggests that DOE simply does not have a complete understanding of its rail alignment proposal. Railroad construction will necessarily dislodge rock and soil, induce erosion, and create a risky environment during flooding events for a railway intended to transport tens of thousands of tons of radioactive waste. The Department's SEIS disregards these potentially disastrous scenarios without providing a technical basis for all of its conclusions.

The Rail SEIS also fails to consider the flow into springs and wetlands of poor-quality water – water that has been mixed with chemicals, sediment, and petroleum products spilled from construction equipment.

Additionally, the economic impact on the affected communities must be thoroughly considered before the Department decides to break ground on the Caliente Corridor. DOE's preferred route would severely impact rural communities; disrupt livestock operations and grazing lands; utilize scarce water resources; and cross private residential, industrial, and commercial land with the railway. In addition, we are also concerned that the Caliente Corridor would interfere with mining and renewable energy development in Nevada. Although DOE acknowledges that there are potential wind, solar, and geothermal energy resources along the Caliente Corridor, the Department fails to consider the opportunity costs of constructing a rail line over this land. The Rail SEIS erroneously states that the locations of energy resources are unknown, despite the fact that publicly available maps (<http://www.unr.edu/geothermal//renewables.htm>) show that there are significant potential solar energy resources in the northeast corner and western boundary of the Nevada Test and Training Range.

Although the Rail SEIS does provide limited consideration of mining, it does not adequately assess the impacts that the proposed corridor would have on mine shafts and tunnels, mining safety, and the integrity and stability of the railroad itself. The Department must make a more comprehensive effort to assess the opportunity costs of lost mining potential caused by the Caliente Corridor, as well as the possible impact on existing mining activity.

Another area of concern is that the Rail SEIS ignores the impact that the Caliente Corridor would have on the Las Vegas metropolitan area. The Department is proposing to send one to two trucks each week carrying nuclear waste over Clark County's most highly traveled highway and interstates, yet has failed to consider the environmental, social, and economic impact that this action will undoubtedly have. This nuclear waste shipping campaign will include up to 13 rail shipments through Las Vegas each year, using the DOE's estimates which are likely low, and will proceed for up to 50 years. The state of Nevada has estimated that at least 95,000 Nevadans live, work, and entertain tourists on the Las Vegas Strip within one-half mile of the routes through Clark County to Yucca Mountain using the Caliente Corridor. It is inconceivable that the Department's Rail SEIS could be finalized without a much more comprehensive analysis of the impact that the preferred route will undoubtedly have on Clark County and the Las Vegas metropolitan area.

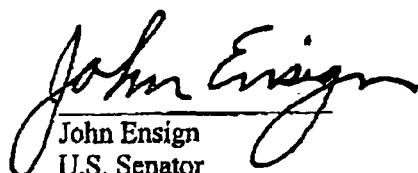
Finally, it would impossible for the Department to issue a truly complete Rail SEIS without conducting a national scoping process. The Caliente Corridor would cause thousands of shipments of nuclear waste across national railways to deliver nuclear waste to Nevada. DOE has not adequately analyzed the impact of a national nuclear waste shipping campaign, despite the fact that states, cities, and communities home to millions of people will be significantly impacted by the transportation network made possible by the Caliente route to Yucca Mountain. The Department should perform a national public scoping for affected communities as part of the Rail SEIS. NEPA requires such a scoping process, and the Caliente Corridor is a primary component in this major federal action.

The Yucca Mountain Project has faced many controversies and management failures, and the science behind the proposal is questionable at best. As a result, the above comments provide a summary of only some of the most serious flaws with the Rail and Repository SEISs. We are confident that the public, the state of Nevada, and other interested and affected individuals will also provide thoughtful comments and raise issues that the Department has not yet considered. It is imperative that the Department provide each comment it receives on these SEISs thorough consideration, considering the magnitude and long-term impact of the proposed repository.

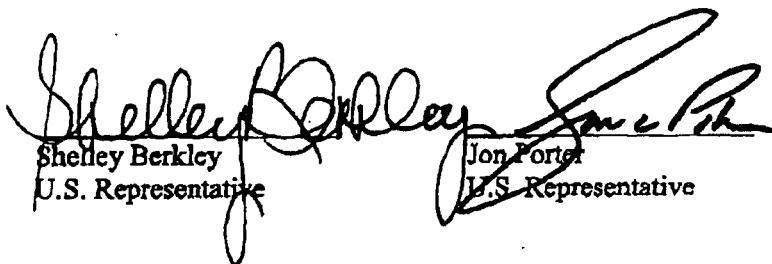
Sincerely,



Harry Reid
U.S. Senator



John Ensign
U.S. Senator



Shelley Berkley
U.S. Representative



Jon Porter
U.S. Representative



Dean Heller
U.S. Representative

cc: Honorable Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary, DOE
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March 18, 2008

The Honorable Edward F. Sproat, III
Director
Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 7B-118
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Sproat:

I understand that the Department of Energy (DOE) released its Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada in October of 2007, and that the public review and comment period closed on January 10, 2008.

Since the closure of the public comment period, I have been contacted by members of the public who are concerned that the draft SEIS does not consider the impacts of the planned repository on the people, natural resources or environment of California and other states. I have also learned that the Attorney General of California, Edmund Brown, Jr., sent a letter to DOE as part of the public comment process urging that DOE not approve the NEPA documents for Yucca Mountain until the transportation risks and impacts to California are addressed and included.

I share the concerns of Attorney General Brown, and would like to know why DOE failed to do the following in the draft SEIS:

- o Identify routes (both rail lines and highways) that will be used to transport nuclear waste from outside of Nevada to Yucca Mountain;
- o Analyze the impacts in California from the construction of the Mina or Caliente rail lines in Nevada;
- o Analyze the risks of likely routes and the effects of various transportation scenarios on communities outside Nevada;
- o Analyze the risk of terrorist attacks on likely transportation routes;

- o Analyze the economic consequences of a successful attack or an accident involving waste being transported an likely routes;
- o Provide information on emergency response planning; and
- o Analyze the safety of using various highway routes, such as Highway 127, to transport waste.

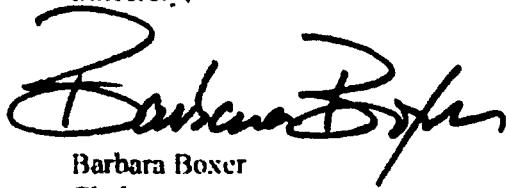
I am also concerned that the public was not given adequate opportunity to meaningfully participate in public meetings on these documents. I understand that DOE held one public meeting in California, in the community of Lone Pine in Inyo County. Given the large number of shipments of radioactive waste that are expected to travel throughout the state of California, greater public participation is both necessary and warranted.

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The main goal of an environmental impact statement is to consider the environmental consequences of a particular project. The environmental impacts of the Yucca Mountain project do not stop at the Nevada border and neither should the EIS.

Please explain why DOE has not included in its SEIS an analysis of the risks and impacts to California that are associated with transporting waste to Yucca Mountain. In addition, please explain how DOE will select transportation routes that will be used to transport nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain and when this information will be made available to the public.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Boxer".

Barbara Boxer
Chairman

Science (SC)

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1. Fax to Under Secretary for Science Raymond L. Orbach from Senator Lamar Alexander

Subject: Senator Lamar Alexander requests that a scientist from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory be assigned to his Washington office to serve as a science fellow in 2008-09

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2. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Chaka Fattah

Subject: Representative Chaka Fattah requesting Secretary Bodman consider awarding the delayed subsequent year budgets for the 85 medical imaging research grants by a rapid restart of the Medical Application and Measurement Science projects

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3. Courtesy Copy of a letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Judy Biggert, Ralph M. Hall, Vernon J. Ehlers, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Robert J. Wittman and Michael T. McCaul to President George W. Bush

Subject: Representatives Judy Biggert, Ralph Hall, Vernon Ehlers, Roscoe Bartlett, Robert Wittman & Michael McCaul urges President Bush to include \$300 milion for the DOE Office of Science in his Fiscal Year 2008 emergency supplemental request to stimulate the economy and achieve the goals of the American Competitiveness Initiative

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4. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from The White House transmitting a letter from Representatives Judy Biggert, Ralph M. Hall, Vernon J. Ehlers, Roscoe G. Barlett, Robert J. Wittman, and Michael T. McCaul

Subject: Representatives Judy Biggert, Ralph Hall, Vernon Ehlers, Roscoe Bartlett, Roert Wittman and Michael McCaul urges President Bush to include \$300 million in his FY 2008 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations requests for the Department of Energy, Office of Science

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5. Secretary Samuel W. Bodman's courtesy copy of a letter addressed to Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State, from Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker

Subject: Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker requests Secretary of State Rice assessment on the impact resulting from Congress failure to fund the President's budget request for the U.S. contribution to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor Project in the FY08 Omnibus appropriation bill

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6. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from The White House referring a letter from Representative Virgil H. Goode

Subject: Representative Goode expresses views regarding the FY 2009 Budget request for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, The National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technolgy; asks that considerationbe given to improve funding levels in the American Competes Act

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7. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Edward M. Kennedy, Daniel K. Akaka, Joseph I. Lieberman, Charles E. Grassley, Barack Obama, and Bernard Sanders; Representatives Michael M. Honda, George Miller, Bart Gordon, Jim Cooper, Eddie Bernice J

Subject: Twenty-two Members of Congress writing to express their appreciation for the DOE's commitment to and urge its continued support for the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program

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| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 05-Mar-2008 9:27AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

8. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Levin, Stabenow, Representatives Rogers, Dingell, Upton, Conyers, Camp, Kildee, Hoekstra, Levin, Knollenberg, Stupak, Ehlers, Kilpatrick, McCotter, Miller, and Walberg

Subject: Concerning several issues that need to be addressed in the DOE's final draft Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

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| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 23-Apr-2008 10:09AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 05-May-2008 |

9. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Johnny Isakson, Saxby Chambliss and Lindsey Graham

Subject: Expresses thanks to the Department of Energy for the continuing work with administrators, researchers and staff at the University of Georgia and its Savannah River Ecology Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006152 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 22-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 04-Jun-2008 9:51AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

10. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Judy Biggert, Senators Dick Durbin, Barack Obama, Representatives Jerry Costello, Bobby Rush, Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., John Shimkus, Bill Foster, Donald Manzullo, Luis Gutierrez, Danny Davis, Mark K

Subject: Encouraging the Department to adhere to its proposed timeline for completing the selection process for the construction and operation of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007098 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 27-Jun-2008 |
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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 19-Sep-2008 |

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11. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Robert J. Wittman(R-VA)

Subject: Requests DOE assistance to facilitate and help ensure uninterrupted progress toward the constructoin phase of the 12GeV Upgrade at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Virginia

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| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 11:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Jul-2008 |

12. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Debbie Stabenow(D-MI), Levin (D-MI), Representatives Rogers(R-MI), Dingell(D-MI), Upton(R-MI), Conyers (D-MI), Camp(R-MI), Kildee(D-MI), Hoekstra(R-MI), Levin(D-MI), Knollenberg(R-MI), Stupak(D-MI), Ehl

Subject: Thanks DOE for responding to their request for a meeting to discuss the broad support in State of Michigan for the Michigan State University proposal for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

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| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 08-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 09-Oct-2008 10:18AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

13. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Indiana Congressional Delegation Senators Dick Lugar, Evan Bayh and Representatives Peter Visclosky, Mark Souder, Mike Pence, Dan Burton, Joe Donnelly, Brad Ellsworth, Baron P. Hill, Steve Buyer, and Andre Carson

Subject: Indiana Congressional Delegation expresses support for three Energy Froniter Research Centers proposal developed by Purdue University

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| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Nov-2008 |

LAMAR ALEXANDER
TENNESSEE

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 8, 2008

Dr. Raymond L Orbach
Director, Office of Science
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Orbach:

I am writing to request that a scientist from Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) be assigned to my Washington office to serve as a science fellow in 2008-09.

The science fellow will support my activities as a co-chair of the Senate Science and Technology Caucus, as well as my service on the following Senate panels: the Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW); the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); and the Committee on Appropriations.

Our current science fellow, Jack Wells, joined our staff in August 2006 and will be returning to ORNL in August 2008. During his tenure, he has worked on wide range of issues, such as:

- Assisting me on the Senate floor when I was managing debate on the America COMPETES Act, bipartisan legislation to invest \$34 billion over three years to double funding for basic scientific research and improve the teaching of math and science to American students.
- Helping get 63 other senators to join me in writing to the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee in support of increased funding for the Department of Energy's Office of Science in Fiscal Year 2008.
- Leading my office's efforts to improve the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEIOCPA) in order to provide quick and fair compensation to sick nuclear workers, which is of particular interest to me because Tennessee has twice the number of EEIOCPA claims of any other state.
- Preparing me for committee hearings and floor debate on nuclear waste, renewable energy, and other topics.

This is just a sampling of the assistance that Dr. Wells has provided to me and my staff. My office has been in touch with ORNL to identify a suitable individual who might take up where Dr. Wells left off. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander

Lamar Alexander
United States Senator

cc: Dr. Thom Mason, ORNL

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

January 28, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

In the omnibus funding bill that was reconciled and passed late in December, funding was restored for the Medical Applications and Measurement Science (MAMS) program of the Office of Science in the Department of Energy. That medical imaging program has been without funding since December 2005, leaving 85 peer-reviewed, competitive research grants in limbo without their subsequent year award letters. Of those 85 medical imaging research grants, three were active in Pennsylvania; one in Pittsburgh and two in Philadelphia

The language of the committee report calls for support of competitive, peer-reviewed research grants. I would be grateful if you would consider awarding the delayed subsequent year budgets for all of the 85 grants that are in a position to resume work immediately. In the meantime, solicitation and review of competitive new and renewal proposals can proceed normally.

According to this approach, the new appropriation can be put to use quickly, and support valuable medical innovations that have already been recommended for funding after competitive peer review. It is possible that funding of new and renewal proposals, after solicitation and review, will not even occur until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

I anticipate that scientists already peer-reviewed and funded under the MAMS project will rush to make up for lost time if they receive their missing subsequent year award letters in the near future. Thank you for your consideration of my proposal for the rapid re-start of the MAMS projects. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Liz King, at (202)225-4001 should you have any questions or require further information.

Very truly yours,

Chaka Fattah
Member of Congress

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**Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515**

January 29, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. President:

When you unveiled your American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) in February of 2006, you stated, "Federal investment in research and development has proved critical to keeping America's economy strong by generating knowledge and tools upon which new technologies are developed." We agreed with you then, we still agree with you, and we were heartened by your remarks during last evening's State of the Union address. We have been strong advocates of the ACI since its inception, and we commend you for your continued commitment to increasing the federal government's investment in the scientific research critical to America's economic growth and competitiveness,

Unfortunately, Congress failed to match your commitment in each of the last two years, providing less than you requested for the science agencies critical to the ACI. The impact of the fiscal year 2008 omnibus appropriations bill on one such agency, the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science, is particularly troubling. Overall, the budget for the DOE Office of Science – excluding \$125 million in earmarked funds in the fiscal year 2008 omnibus – increased at a rate less than inflation. Funding for a number of programs, including High Energy Physics and the U.S. contribution to the international fusion experiment ITER, declined significantly or were cut altogether.

The unfortunate consequences of the severe underfunding in the omnibus are many. It signals to the world that the U.S. is a fickle partner in scientific collaborations. It limits American access to the scientific results of projects like ITER, and jeopardizes international contributions to U.S.-based projects such as the International Linear Collider (ILC). It forced the DOE Office of Science to announce that it will have to furlough or layoff over 550 scientists, engineers, and technical and administrative support staff at our national laboratories, leading to the permanent loss of this expertise. It means the DOE Office of Science will not be able to support 90-100 postdoctoral fellows and graduate students at the labs, and possibly up to 500 postdoctoral fellows at American universities, sending the wrong message to America's youth that studies and careers in science and math are fraught with uncertainty. It leaves the DOE Office of Science with little choice but to shutter a number of unique facilities used by industry, academic, and government scientists, and curtail the operation of other user facilities by 20 to 25 percent, forcing many U.S. companies to conduct their research at overseas facilities with similar capabilities.

The Honorable George W. Bush
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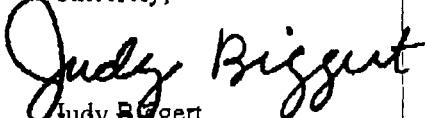
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Mr. President, including \$300 million for the DOE Office of Science in your fiscal year 2008 emergency supplemental request is consistent with your efforts to stimulate the economy and achieve the goals of your visionary American Competitiveness Initiative. We strongly urge you to make this request, and are prepared to support it as the supplemental appropriations bill makes its way through Congress. Please contact us if we can be of assistance in any way.

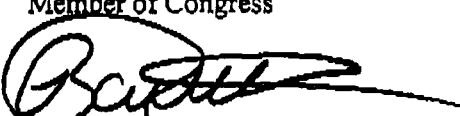
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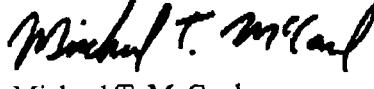

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FROM: JUDY BIGGERT
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE \$300 MILLION IN HIS
FY08 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF SCIENCE

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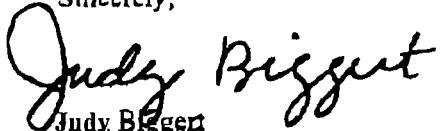
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Judy Biggar

Member of Congress



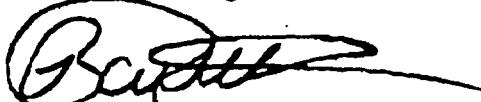
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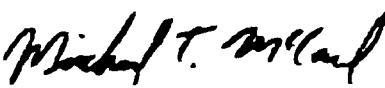
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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 22, 2008

The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rice:

We are writing to request your assessment of the impact to our national credibility and diplomatic relationships resulting from Congress' failure to fund the President's budget request for the U.S. contribution to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Project in the FY08 Omnibus appropriations bill. In anticipation of the Administration's request for supplemental appropriations funding for Fiscal Year 2008, it is our hope that the Administration will include funding for the ITER program.

The United States formally joined the ITER project in 2007 after many years of intensive negotiations. At a time when we need to arrive at innovative solutions to increase available sources for abundant, clean energy, it is a serious and embarrassing mistake for Congress to renege on our commitment to the ITER Project. ITER was built as a model of cooperation on large, international science projects – the United States should be a leader in encouraging such endeavors rather than undermining them. We strongly believe that investing in international cooperation in the basic energy sciences will pay important dividends to our economy and the environment.

We have heard reports that Congress' failure to live up to our commitment to the ITER Project is already causing trouble for us in other areas of international cooperation. It would be helpful to know if the State Department is aware of specific difficulties our apparent lack of good faith on the ITER Project has caused in the diplomatic realm, such as efforts to negotiate or implement other international agreements.

We'd be happy to furnish additional information, or your staff may wish to be in touch with Tom Craig with Senator Alexander at (202) 224-8986 or Ashley Palmer with Senator Corker at (202) 224-3344. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander

Lamar Alexander
United States Senator

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Bob Corker
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
The Honorable James A. Nussle

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February 25, 2008

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TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: VIRGIL GOODE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS REGARDING THE FY 09 BUDGET REQUEST
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S OFFICE OF SCIENCE, THE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, AND THE NATIONAL
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Congress of the United States PLEASE USE THE
House of Representatives ROCKY MOUNT ADDRESS
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January 14, 2008

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I write regarding your Fiscal Year 2009 budget request for the Department of Energy's Office of Science, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. As you know, the Fiscal Year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act appropriated a lower amount for these programs than was authorized in the America Competes Act.

The America Competes Act, which you signed into law on August 9, 2007, authorized \$43.4 billion for the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and several other programs within the Departments of Education, Commerce, and Energy. The legislation indicates the importance the United States Congress and your Administration place on the fields of science, technology, energy, and mathematics by expanding current programs and creating several new grant programs in these fields. Such programs are vital as the United States strives to be free of foreign fossil fuel and to create and use renewable energy sources. Billions could be slashed from foreign aid and certain other programs and used for scientific re _____ would significantly benefit the United States and ultimately the world.

As you are considering your Fiscal Year 2009 budget request, I ask that you show every consideration improving funding levels in the America Competes Act. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Virgil H. Goode, Jr.

VHGjr/jmc

70 East Court Street * Suite 215 * Rocky Mount, VA 24151
Fax: 540-484-1459 Phone: 540-484-1254

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
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Washington, D.C. 20585

February 29, 2008

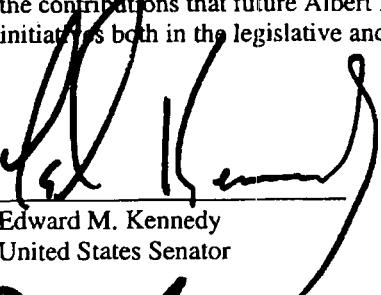
Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to express our appreciation for the Department of Energy's commitment to and urge your continued support for the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program. Since 1994, more than one hundred primary and secondary school mathematics and science teachers have been placed in professional staff positions at the Department of Energy, the House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and other government agencies, providing practical perspectives on the application and impact of education policy.

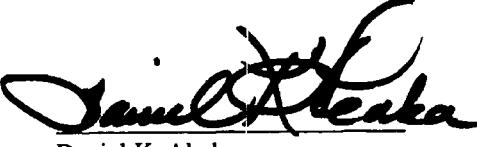
Sustaining the Albert Einstein Fellowship Program demonstrates the Department of Energy's dedication to improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction, helping to ensure that the United States remains competitive in the global economy. Albert Einstein Fellows are selected from among the top mathematics and science teachers in our nation, and they represent the diversity of America's schools.

Many of us have benefited from having Albert Einstein Fellows in our respective offices and each of us recognizes the important contributions they have made to the development of legislation strengthening existing laws and creating innovative education programs. During their time in Congressional offices, Einstein Fellows have learned valuable skills, which will enable them to become leaders in the fields of education, science and mathematics education, and education policy.

We thank you for providing outstanding mathematics and science teachers the opportunity to participate in the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program. We look forward to the contributions that future Albert Einstein Fellows will make in guiding federal education initiatives both in the legislative and executive branches of our government.


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United States Senator

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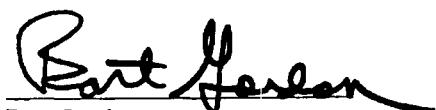

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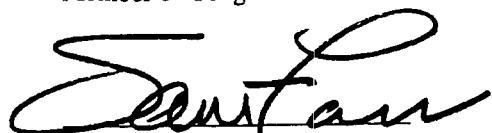
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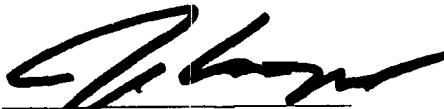
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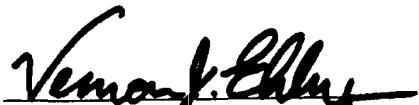
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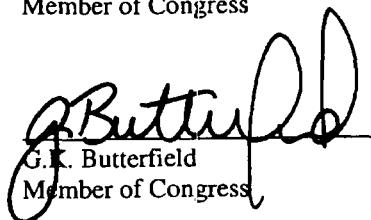
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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 23, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the Department's Office of Science issued a draft Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) on February 15, 2008. We are very encouraged by this development, and we look forward to a fair and open competition for this world-class scientific research facility.

There are several issues that we believe need to be addressed in the final FOA.

First, we believe it is imperative that the selection criteria include an evaluation of each proposed plan to maximize both graduate and undergraduate education as a specific part of the proposal. If the DOE is going to be the major recipient of American Competitiveness Initiative funds, then it should require its major science procurements to include an appropriate education plan as a specific selection criteria. The report of the National Academies of Science, Rising Above the Gathering Storm, called for the nation to make a serious commitment to the investment in the physical sciences and the education of the next generation of scientists and engineers. We believe that leveraging such investments to maximize both their scientific and education impacts is critical.

Second, we urge the Department to ensure that the selection process is completely transparent. In this regard, we request that the Department's source selection decision include a meticulous accounting of how each evaluation factor was decided and how the final decision was determined. We also request that the technical report of the Merit Review Panel, including the Merit Review Panel Member evaluations and other documents associated with the decision-making process be made available at the conclusion of the selection process.

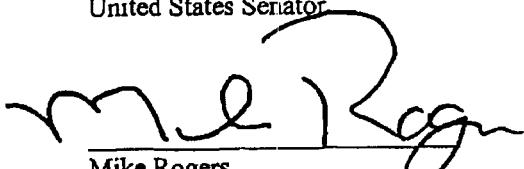
Third, while everybody wants to complete this competition in a timely manner, we also believe that it would be prudent to provide all proponents at least 45 days from the issuance of the final FOA for submission of proposals.

We thank you for your assistance in this critical matter and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Carl Levin
United States Senator



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress



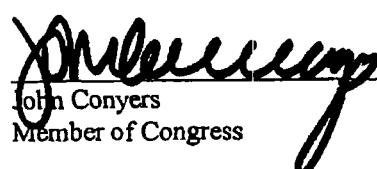
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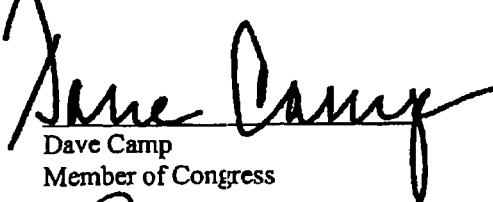
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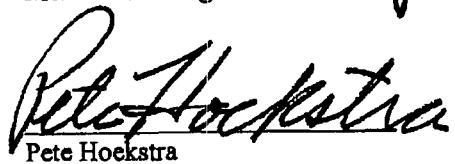
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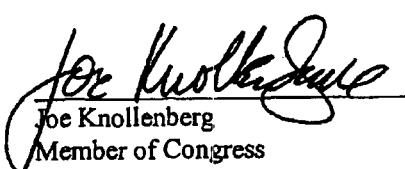
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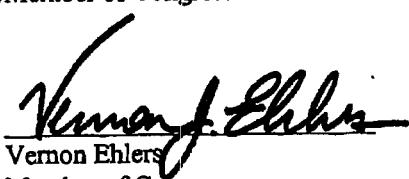
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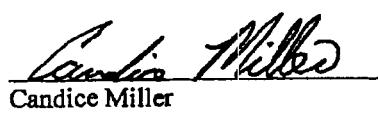
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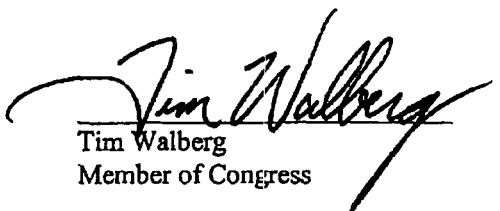
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Cc: The Honorable Ray Orbach, Under Secretary

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 21, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
Forrestal Building, Room 7B138
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-0800

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We are writing to thank you for continuing to work with administrators, researchers and staff at the University of Georgia (UGA) and its Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL). We appreciate your willingness to work together to ensure the future of SREL.

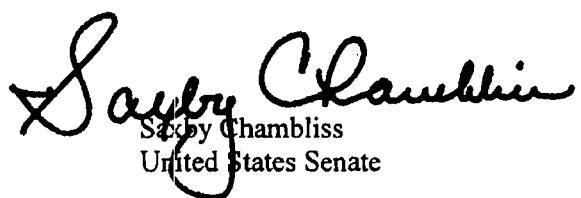
This unique laboratory has served the citizens of Georgia, South Carolina and the nation for over fifty years. We are excited that the lab's important work will continue. In recent months, relationships between UGA, SREL, DOE and the Savannah River Site (SRS) management have all been strengthened, opening up new possibilities for research. In addition, more colleges and departments at UGA are becoming engaged in research directions enabled by SREL, providing benefits to all concerned.

We are well aware that this has been a difficult, and at times, painful transition. However, through your leadership, the future of the restructured and refocused SREL now appears bright. We commend everyone at the Department of Energy, UGA, SREL, and SRS who have played a role in this transformation. We look forward to the prospect of SREL serving our citizens for another fifty years.

Sincerely,



Johnny Isakson
United States Senate



Saxby Chambliss
United States Senate



Lindsey Graham
United States Senate

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 27, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

Now that the Department of Energy's Office of Science has released the final Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the construction and operation of a Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB), we write to strongly encourage the Department to adhere to its proposed timeline for completing the selection process. Given the FOA's limit on the project's overall cost, further delays will only escalate construction costs and erode the proposed user facility's scientific capability, which is why we urge you to make an award by the end of this year.

The Department's decision to advance the FRIB project is certainly a welcome one, and one that has the support of the scientific community. As recently as December of 2006, the Rare Isotope Science Advisory Committee (RISAC) of the National Academies concluded that there is scientific justification for the United States to construct a rare isotope research facility, and that such a facility would allow the U.S. to play a unique role in rare isotope research. The RISAC found that a rare isotope research facility would "provide an important contribution to the education and training of future U.S. scientists," and lead to advancements in "medical research, national security, energy production, materials science, and industrial processes."

In addition, investing in such a facility is consistent with the recommendations of the National Academies' *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* report. Finally, the Department's own Nuclear Science Advisory Committee continues to make the construction of a rare isotope research facility a priority in its long range plan.

Clearly there is a compelling scientific need for such a national user facility to serve the broader nuclear physics research community and maintain U. S. leadership in the field. That is why we support the Department's current schedule for completing the selection process, and urge the Department to make an award before the end of 2008.

Thank you for your consideration. We are committed and prepared to work with you to make the FRIB project a reality. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Raymond Orbach, Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-4601

July 10, 2008

The Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary, Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20583

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance to facilitate and help ensure uninterrupted progress toward the construction phase of the 12GeV Upgrade at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Virginia. As the project continues to meet all milestones and performance targets, and is now ready to begin construction, I am writing to request that the Department initiate a reprogramming of some of the project's fiscal year 2008 funds, sufficient to initiate the construction phase before the end of the current fiscal year.

As you know, the House Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee adopted language at its June 27, 2008 markup of the fiscal year 2009 bill which urged efforts to accelerate construction of the 12GeV upgrade. The language included in the House report follows:

"The requested funding will support operations of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility and the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider. The requested funding will continue construction of the Electron Beam Ion Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory. An additional \$7,000,000 above the budget request is provided to initiate and accelerate construction of the 12 GeV upgrade to the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (project 06-SC-01). The Committee encourages the Department to complete PED for this upgrade and move expeditiously into the construction phase; any remaining PED funds should be applied to construction activities."

Based on this language and discussions with the Committee, the staff of Jefferson Lab and I believe that the Energy & Water Subcommittee would favorably respond to a reprogramming request from the Department. It is widely expected that most of the Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations bills will not be enacted before the end of the current Congress and the programs of the Department of Energy will be funded on a Continuing Resolution until March, 2009 or later. Therefore, without the reprogramming and an initiation of construction in Fiscal Year 2008, the project will be delayed for many months. Not only will this increase the costs of

the overall project, but it is an unnecessary delay in view of the readiness of the project to proceed to the next phase.

I view this as an important matter in my district and look forward to working with you to meet our shared goals.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,



Robert
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Ray Orbach, Undersecretary for Science

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515
October 8, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your response to our request for a meeting to discuss the broad support in the State of Michigan for the Michigan State University (MSU) proposal for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB). We regret that you are unable to meet with us. You are correct that we are indeed enthusiastic in our support of this proposal.

As you know, MSU has been, and continues to be, the world's leading rare isotope research facility. The university graduates 10 percent of the nation's nuclear physics PhDs, which will be critical in meeting the Department's labor needs as the workforce continues to age. Finally, given its twenty-six-year history of managing the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory, MSU is clearly capable of managing the construction and operations of the FRIB.

It is our hope and expectation that the Department of Energy will conduct a comprehensive and merit-based review of the MSU proposal and any other proposals the Department has received. We believe that when the Department reviews the record, it will find that MSU offers the nation the premier scientific team in rare isotope research, a world-class design for the facility, a long history of exemplary management, and the unique opportunity to integrate graduate and undergraduate education not only in the scientific experiments but also in the operations of the FRIB facility.

We appreciate the Department's consideration of the MSU proposal for FRIB.

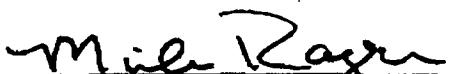
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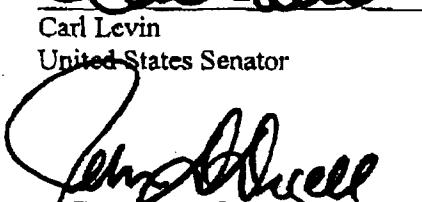
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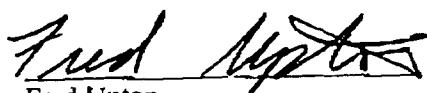
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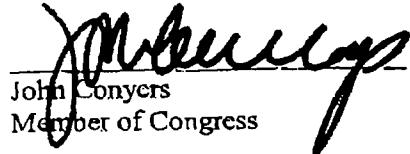
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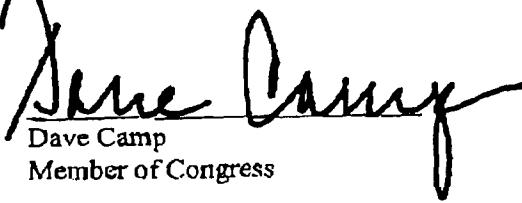
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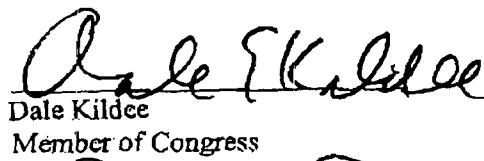
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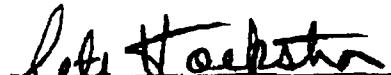
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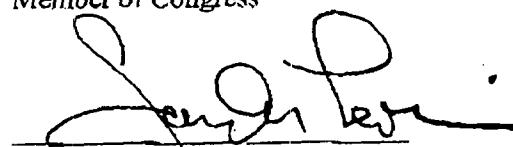
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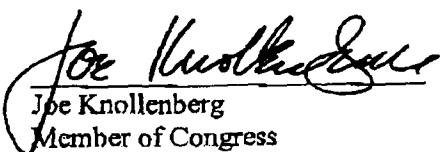
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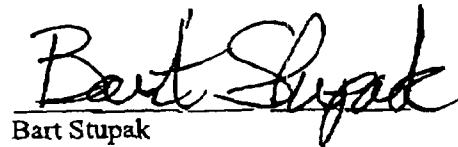
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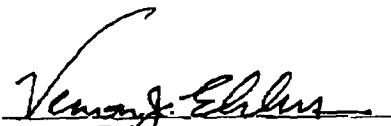
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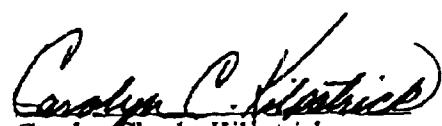
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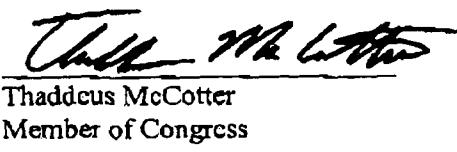
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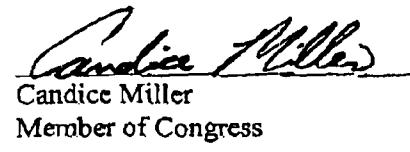
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September 22, 2008

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: Energy Frontier Research Centers (FON DE-PS02-08ER15944)

Dear Secretary Bodman:

As members of the Indiana congressional delegation, we applaud your development of Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRC), which will accelerate the scientific breakthroughs needed to create advanced energy technologies for the 21st century. We are writing to express our support for three EFRC proposals developed by Purdue University. These exceptional proposals will explore the building blocks of nature and advance the fundamental understanding of how nature works.

- **Advanced Materials under Extreme Conditions for Nuclear Energy Applications.** *A collaboration of Purdue University and Argonne National Laboratory.* Researchers at Purdue are establishing a state-of-the-art Center for Materials under Extreme Environments whose vision is to couple advanced computer simulations with the benchmarking of physical models. These models will be used to illuminate the expected performance of new materials in the harsher environments of new reactors, allowing researchers to predict material performance, efficiently conduct a rational design of advanced materials and nuclear technologies of the next generation of reactors, and also play an integral role in informing efforts to harness nuclear fusion.
- **Center for the Catalytic Conversion of Biomass to Bioenergy (C3Bio).** *A collaboration of Purdue University, Argonne National Laboratory, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.* The direct catalytic conversion of plant materials (lignocellulosic biomass) to transportation fuels and other value-added, bio-based products will produce new and economically viable technologies that offer “game-changing” improvements in the efficiency and sustainability of biorefinery operations. The goal is to maximize the number of carbon atoms that are derived from biomass in the final products, without losing carbon atoms as carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide and minimizing the energy inputs. Immediate targets are molecules that can be utilized as biofuels and other chemicals currently derived from oil.
- **Selectively Coupled Nanoscale Electron/Photon/Phonon Processes for Energy Conversion.** *A collaboration of Purdue University, University of California - Santa Cruz,*

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Brookhaven National Laboratory. Utilizing the unique facilities at Purdue's Birck Nanotechnology Center, the proposed program will involve the fundamental studies of electrons, photons and phonons interacting with each other at the nanoscale. The proposed work will provide a framework within which to understand the fundamental limits of a number of energy-relevant components and to enable significant breakthroughs in these technologies.

We share your goal of understanding the fundamental building blocks of nature necessary to meet the global need for abundant, clean, and economical energy. Purdue University is conducting cutting-edge research in these energy-related fields, and is well positioned to advance the goals of the Department of Energy.

It is our hope that you will give every due consideration to Purdue University's EFRC proposals.

Sincerely,

Dick Lugar

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6. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Robert Menendez for DSM Innovations, Inc.

Subject: Senator Robert Menendez writes in support of his constituent, DSM Innovations, Inc., submitted proposal in response to EERE request for projects which commercially develop enzyme systems to hydrolyze and saccharify pretreated lignocellulosic biomass

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7. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Representative Jo Bonner referring a letter from Donald W. Martin

Subject: Representative Jo Bonner forwarding letter from constituent, Donald W. Martin concerning sequestered carbon research grant application

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8. Letter to DOE/CI from Representative Mike Simpson referring a letter from Robert Schramm

Subject: Representative Mike Simpson forwarding a letter from constituent, Robert Schramm concerning alleged DOE age discrimination and termination of employment

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000547 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ED | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ED | Date Created: | 15-Jan-2008 12:27PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 06-Feb-2008 |

9. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb referring a letter from Rosalie Horton

Subject: Senator Jim Webb forwards a letter from constituent, Rosalie Horton seeking assistance from the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights concerning her children being denied a free appropriate public education because of their disabilities

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000637 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 07-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 16-Jan-2008 12:16PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 24-Jan-2008 |

10. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Scott Garret on behalf of DSM Innovations, Inc.

Subject: Representative Scott Garret writing on behalf of DSM Innovations, Inc., who has submitted a proposal in response to the EERE solicitation for assistance in addressing research and development of enzyme systems to hydrolyze & saccharify pretreated lignocellulosic biomass

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000638 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Jan-2008 12:22PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |

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11. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Bernard Sanders on behalf of George Crombie, Secretary of Natural Resources for the State of Vermont

Subject: Senator Bernard Sanders on behalf of George Crombie inquiring about DOE programs that support public/private partnership for biofuels production; also would like to schedule a meeting between Secretary Crombie and DOE representative during his next visit to Washington, DC

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000642 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Jan-2008 12:44PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |

12. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Bill Nelson on behalf of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida in collaboration with the University of South Florida Power Center for Utility Exploration and Progress Energy Florida, Inc.,

Subject: Senator Bill Nelson supports the efforts of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida in collaboration with the University of South Florida Power Center for Utility Exploration and Progress Energy Florida, Inc., application for funding under the DOE's 2008 Solar America Cities Grant Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000763 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 18-Jan-2008 9:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 06-Feb-2008 |

13. Letter to CI/Eric Nicoll from Senator Dianne Feinstein referring a letter from Earl Westmore

Subject: Senator Dianne Feinstein writes concerning his constituent, Earl Westmore concerns about saving the Project 606 Kilarc-Cow Creek

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000779 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 18-Jan-2008 11:21AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |

14. Letter to Under Secretary Raymond Orbach from Ranking Member Pete V. Domenici, Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Ranking Member Domenici requests that the FY 2008 funding for the MIND Institute be sent directly to the MIND Institute and not to the University of New Mexico -- also see attached email

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000789 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 17-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Raymond Orbach | Date Created: | 18-Jan-2008 12:19PM |
| Address Office: | Raymond Orbach | Due Date: | 25-Jan-2008 |

15. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Robert P. Casey on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Subject: Senator Robert P. Casey urging DOE to give full and fair consideration to the 2008 Solar America Cities Grant proposal submitted by the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000803 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Jan-2008 9:49AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 06-Feb-2008 |

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16. Fax to CI/John C. Angell from Representative Ike Skelton referring a letter from Kenneth I. Darbyshire

Subject: Representative Ike Skelton forwards letter from constituent, Kenneth I. Darbyshire seeking assistance regarding Federal agencies denial of disability claim for exposure to toxic elements
Control Number: EXEC-2008-000834 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: HS Correspondence Date: 18-Jan-2008
Signature Level: HS Date Created: 22-Jan-2008 12:09PM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 13-Feb-2008

17. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Bart Gordon, Chairman, Committee on Science and Technology on behalf of Michelle Dallafior and Elizabeth Stack

Subject: Chairman Bart Gordon authorizing Michelle Dallafior and Elizabeth to travel on official business to the Morgantown and Pittsburgh facilities of the National Energy Technology Laboratory on January 24, 2008
Control Number: EXEC-2008-000925 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 15-Jan-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 24-Jan-2008 9:16AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date:

18. Letter to Under Secretary for Science Raymond L. Orbach from Representative Mark Steven Kirk on behalf of Stephen D. Schutt

Subject: Representative Mark Steven Kirk endorses the invitation sent by Stephen Schutt, President of Lake Forest College inviting Under Secretary Orbach to deliver the keynote address on March 27 or 28, 2008, at a conference on the future of nuclear power
Control Number: EXEC-2008-000939 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: Raymond Orbach Correspondence Date: 09-Jan-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 24-Jan-2008 9:54AM
Address Office: Raymond Orbach Due Date:

19. Fax to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator David Vitter on behalf of Richard Metcalf

Subject: Senator David Vitter was contacted by his constituent, Richard Metcalf, who has raised several questions regarding the use of non-petroleum based fuels
Control Number: EXEC-2008-000942 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 23-Jan-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 24-Jan-2008 9:59AM
Address Office: CI/Sigal Due Date: 15-Feb-2008

20. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Representative Lynn Woolsey on behalf of the City of Santa Rosa

Subject: Representative Lynn Woolsey supports the application submitted by the City of Santa Rosa for the Solar American Cities 2008 Grant Opportunity Number DE-PS36-08GO98003
Control Number: EXEC-2008-000946 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 14-Jan-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 24-Jan-2008 10:09AM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 14-Feb-2008

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21. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Saxby Chambliss referring a letter from Ari Lee Beloate

Subject: Senator Saxby Chamblis forwards letter from constituent, Ari Lee Beloate concerning a new internet system

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000975 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | IM | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | IM | Date Created: | 24-Jan-2008 1:37PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 14-Feb-2008 |

22. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Ross H. Welch

Subject: Senator Robert C. Byrd forwards letter from Ross H. Welch requesting explanation why heating oil is not cheaper than diesel fuel.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000976 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 14-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 24-Jan-2008 1:46PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

23. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Harry Reid referring a letter from Dr. Fred Hua

Subject: Senator Harry Reid forwards letter from Dr. Fred Hua regarding mismanagement and serious violation of the DOE and NRC Safety Conscious Work Environment by manager of Yucca Mount Project Sandia Lead Lab Engineered Systems, Cliff Howard.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000977 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | RW | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | RW | Date Created: | 24-Jan-2008 1:52PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

24. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Jim Bunning referring a letter from Faubus Switzer

Subject: Senator Jim Bunning forwards letter from constituent, Faubus Switzer inquiring about a risk assessment of particle collider research and the Large Hadron Collider

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000978 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 17-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 24-Jan-2008 1:58PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Feb-2008 |

25. Letter to EE/Alexander A. Karsner from Representative Tim Murphy

Subject: Tim Murphy urges Assistant Secretary Alexander Karsner to give every possible consideration to CLT Efficient Technologies Group during evaluation process.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-000999 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Jan-2008 10:33AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

26. Letter to OE/Mark Whitenton from Senator Barbara Boxer referring a letter from Bud Hoekstra

Subject: Senator Barbara Boxer forwarding letter from Bud Hoekstra expressing concern with misinformation on DOE Energy Star website.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001000 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Jan-2008 10:42AM |
| Address Office: | OE | Due Date: | 11-Feb-2008 |

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27. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Ted Stevens, Lisa Murkowski, and Representative Don Young on behalf of the Kenai Liquefied Natural Gas export license extension

Subject: Senators Ted Stevens, Lisa Murkowski, and Representative Don Young supports application for

the Kenai Liquefied Natural Gas export license extension

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001017 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 28-Jan-2008 9:50AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 19-Feb-2008 |

28. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Bill Nelson referring a letter from Robert Hill

Subject: Senator Bill Nelson forwards letter from Robert Hill, expressing his view regarding the discontinuance of compact fluorescent (CF) light bulbs due to government regulations.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001176 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Jan-2008 10:00AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |

29. Letter to OE/Kevin Kolevar from Chairman, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology James R. Langevin and Ranking Member, Subcomittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology Michael T. McCaul

Subject: James Langevin & Michael McCaul regarding OE's partnership with national laboratories in the field of cyber security and request information regarding the funding for these partnerships

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001249 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 31-Jan-2008 9:38AM |
| Address Office: | OE | Due Date: | 12-Feb-2008 |

30. Fax to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Bob Goodlatte on behalf of Shannon Orebaugh

Subject: Representative Bob Goodlatte on behalf of constituent, Shannon Orebaugh who is expressing concern with the implication of states requiring 30 different blends of gasoline is the cause for the over pricing

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001257 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 31-Jan-2008 11:43AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 22-Feb-2008 |

31. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Represenative Tom Allen and Devi Glick, Technology Systems and Outreach Coordinator referring a letter from Arlene Norman

Subject: Represenative Tom Allen and Devi Glick, Technology Systems and Outreach Coordinator forwarding letter from Arlene Norman regarding invention of product designed to be used in diesel and gasoline fueled vehicles; effiecient, effective and cleaner.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001316 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Feb-2008 9:44AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 22-Feb-2008 |

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32. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative John Kline

Subject: Representative John Kline requesting that the City of Hastings hydrokinetic power facility be included in the DOE's research projects funded through the FY 2008 Water Power Energy R&D program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001317 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Feb-2008 9:51AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Feb-2008 |

33. Letter to MA/70 James N. Solit from Senator Jon Tester

Subject: Senator Jon Tester writes in support of the application of Montana Alberta Tie Ltd (MATL) and proposed transmission line connecting Lethbridge, Alberta and Great Falls, Montana.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001321 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 01-Feb-2008 10:07AM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | |

34. Letter to CI/Eric Nicoll from Senator Dianne Feinstein referring a letter from Joseph J. Muncey

Subject: Senator Dianne Feinstein forwarding letter from constituent, Joseph J. Muncey regarding his request for benefit pay from Santa Susanaf Field Laboratory under the Energy Employees Illness Compensation Act (EEOICPA)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001347 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 01-Feb-2008 1:54PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 08-Feb-2008 |

35. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Peter Welch referring a letter from Beverly Frost and Harold M. Frost

Subject: Representative Peter Welch writes on behalf of his constituent, Beverly Frost concerning the difficulty her husband, Harold M. Frost has been treated regarding DOE's retirement program, managed by the University of California

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001374 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 18-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 04-Feb-2008 9:42AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 26-Feb-2008 |

36. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Betty McCollum, Wayne Gilchrest, Roscoe Bartlett and James McGovern

Subject: Representatives BettyMcCollum, Wayne Gilchrest, Roscoe Bartlett & James McGovern expresses support for Sensata Technologies' proposal to the Solar Energy Grid Intergration Systems Program; requests DOE give consideration this proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001414 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 04-Feb-2008 1:01PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Feb-2008 |

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37. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry

Subject: Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry expresses support for the application by Sensata Technologies grant under DOE's Solar Energy Grid Intergration Sytems Program; urges DOE to give consideration to this application

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001467 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 9:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

38. Letter to EE/Richard Karney from Representative Tom Latham

Subject: Representative Tom Latham encourages DOE to work with Pella Corporationto to create an incremental energy performance strategy regarding residential window and door manufacturing.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001481 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 10:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 26-Feb-2008 |

39. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Ed Whitfield

Subject: Representative Ed Whitfield in support of a grant application submitted by Alletch, Inc; requests DOE give consideration to this grant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001493 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 12:23PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

40. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Thad Cochran

Subject: Senator Thad Cochran requests consideration to the application submitted by Cytec Corporation for funds through the Department of Energy's Annual Phase I Small Business Innovaiton Research Business Technology Transfer Funding Opportunity

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001494 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 12:28PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |

41. Letter to CI/Rick Dearborn from Senator Maria Cantwell on behalf of Robert J. Ward

Subject: Senator Maria Cantwell request all records for Robert J. Ward with relation to his employment at DOE from October 1951 until November 1954.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001496 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 15-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 12:39PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

42. Letter to CI/Eric Nicoll from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Jimmy Fung

Subject: Senator Jeff Bingaman forwards letter from Jimmy Fung regarding delay in application for Q security clearance.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001497 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 05-Feb-2008 12:44PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |

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43. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Amy Klobuchar, Norm Coleman, Barbara A. Mikulski, Benjamin L. Card, Edward M. Kennedy, John F. Kerry, and Bill Nelson**
Subject: Senators Amy Klobuchar, Norm Coleman, Barbara A. Mikulski, Benjamin L. Cardin, Edward M. Kennedy, John F. Kerry, and Bill Nelson expresses support for Sensata technologies' proposal to the Solar Energy Ridge Integration Systems Program, solicitation number SNL 734457
Control Number: EXEC-2008-001629 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 06-Feb-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 07-Feb-2008 10:12AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 19-Feb-2008
44. **Letter to CI/Dan Brouillette from Representative Trent Franks referring a letter from Heidi L. Kelley**
Subject: Representative Trent Franks writes concerning constituent, Heidi L. Kelley regarding disciplinary practices and greivance procedures of their employees at DOE WAPA
Control Number: EXEC-2008-001641 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: PM Correspondence Date: 06-Feb-2008
Signature Level: PM Date Created: 07-Feb-2008 11:12AM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 05-Mar-2008
45. **Letter to CI/Lis Epifani from Representative Lincoln Davis and District Director Sammy Lowdermilk on behalf of Steve Jones**
Subject: Representative Lincoln Davis writes concerning constituent, Steve Jones inquiring about funding for a bamboo project for the Government of Rwanda
Control Number: EXEC-2008-001644 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: PI Correspondence Date: 12-Jan-2008
Signature Level: PI Date Created: 07-Feb-2008 11:21AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 20-Mar-2008
46. **Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Emmanuel Baster**
Subject: Senator Mel Martinez writes concerning constituent, Emmanuel Baster regarding an energy proposal using Atlantic ocean currents and the high cost of gasoline and the dependence on foreing oil
Control Number: EXEC-2008-001646 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 30-Jan-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 07-Feb-2008 11:28AM
Address Office: CI/Sigal Due Date: 17-Mar-2008
47. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Susan M. Collins on behalf of University of Maine and Red Shield Pulp and Chemicals**
Subject: Senator Susan M. Collins requests DOE give consideration of the University of Maine and Red Shield Pulp and Chemicals grant application
Control Number: EXEC-2008-001724 Priority: Essential
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 06-Feb-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 07-Feb-2008 5:15PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 20-Feb-2008

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48. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mel Martinez on behalf of Ingmar Herrmann

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez writes concerning constituent, Ingmar Herrmann regarding several products he has developed which could reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001725 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 07-Feb-2008 5:57PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |

49. Fax to CI/Dan Brouillette from Representative Mac Thornberry referring a letter from Jimmy H.

Williams

Subject: Representative Mac Thornberry forwards letter from constituent, Jimmy H. Williams regarding his security clearance for employment at Pantex

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001768 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 11:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |

50. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Robert Darroch

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter from constituent, Robert Darroch about the effects gasoline-ethanol fuel blends will have on his offboard marine motor

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001770 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 12:09PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |

51. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from James Conklin

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter from constituent, James Conklin about the potential benefits of an underground nuclear fission reactor

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001773 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 12:18PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |

52. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Howard Johnson

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter from constituent, Howard Johnson regarding an energy initiative he has developed and would like to pursue

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001774 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 12:22PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |

53. Letter to EE/David Garman from Senator Olympia J. Snowe referring a letter from John Dow

Subject: Senator Olympia J. Snowe forwarding letter from constituent, John Dow inquiring about the use of soy-diesel for home heating oil

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001775 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 12:26PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 04-Mar-2008 |

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54. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative John P. Sarbanes referring a letter from Mr. and Mrs. David A. Green

Subject: Representative John P. Sarbanes forwarding letter from constituents, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Green regarding the precautions in place for the disposal of compact fluorescent light bulbs

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001776 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 12:38PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 04-Mar-2008 |

55. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Todd Fowlston

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter (correspondence tracking sheet) from Todd Fowlston regarding the development of wave energy as a renewable energy source.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001779 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 1:54PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

56. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Mario Messina

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter (correspondence tracking sheet) from Mario L. Messina regarding a geothermal energy presentation.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001780 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 2:03PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

57. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Goode Yeoman

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter (correspondence tracking sheet) from Goode Yeoman regarding the development and advancement of a new energy technology.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001781 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 2:08PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

58. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Steve Myers

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter (correspondence tracking sheet) from Steve Myers regarding the development of a water and energy saving product.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001782 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 2:12PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

59. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Wingate Lambertson

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter from Wingate A. Lambertson requesting annual budget for DOE; and what percentage is allocated to zero-point energy.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001784 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 2:18PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

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60. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Dan Weston

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwarding letter (correspondence tracking sheet) from Dan Weston regarding the use of wave energy as a renewable energy source.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001785 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 2:23PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

61. Letter to DOE/Golden Field Office James P. Damm from Representative Ben Chandler

Subject: Representative Ben Chandler expresses support for grant application submitted by Alltech, Inc. for Demonstration of Integrated Bio-refinery Operations for Producing Biofuels and Chemical/Materials Products program (DE-PS36-07G07003), CFDA Number 81.087.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001792 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Feb-2008 3:11PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |

62. Fax to DOE/GFO Andrea Lucero from Representative Rosa L. DeLauro on behalf of the City of New Haven

Subject: Representative Rosa L. DeLauro writing in support of the application submitted to the DOE's Solar America Initiative by the City of New Haven for clean, renewable energy with the adoption of solar technologies

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001815 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 11-Feb-2008 12:19PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 05-Mar-2008 |

63. Fax to DOE/GFO Andrea Lucero from Senator Dianne Feinstein on behalf of City of Santa Rosa, California

Subject: Senator Dianne Feinstein writing in support of the City of Santa Rosa, California application to the DOE's Solar America Cities 2008 grant program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001856 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Feb-2008 9:50AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 05-Mar-2008 |

64. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Susan M. Collins referring a letter from John H. Dow

Subject: Senator Susan M. Collins forwarding letter from constituent, John H. Dow requesting information on soy-petroleum diesel blends

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001860 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Feb-2008 9:56AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 05-Mar-2008 |

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65. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Joe Barton referring a letter from Allan G. Doyle, III

Subject: Representative Joe Barton forwarding letter from constituent, Allan G. Doyle concerning his eligibility for assistance from the DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001862 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Feb-2008 10:01AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 05-Mar-2008 |

66. Fax to EE/Edward Wall from Senator Ken Salazar on behalf of Colorado School of Mines and North American Dic Casting Association

Subject: Senator Ken Salazar asking EE/Edward Wall to attend a meeting in his office with his staff and representatives from the Colorado School of Mines and the North America Dic Casting Association on February 14, 2008, to exchange ideas for new research and the intention of Section 651

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001864 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Feb-2008 10:10AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 13-Feb-2008 |

67. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from John Bradshaw

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwards his constituent, John Bradshaw idea regarding a new energy technology he developing concerning solar power

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001904 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Feb-2008 10:13AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |

68. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from James Cain

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez writes concerning his constituent, James Cain's idea regarding energy proposal he has developed and requests DOE assistance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001905 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 13-Feb-2008 10:19AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |

69. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Robert Mcilroy

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez writes concerning his constituent, Robert Mcilroy requesting information regarding a low-emission solar pump he has collaborated on developing

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001906 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Feb-2008 10:24AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |

70. Letter to Samuel Bodman from Representative Harold Rogers on behalf of Alltech, Inc.

Subject: Representative Harold Rogers writes in support of grant application submitted by Alltech, Inc. and requests DOE give consideration to funding this proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001907 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Feb-2008 10:47AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 26-Feb-2008 |

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71. Letter to CI from Representative Marcy Kaptur referring a letter from Clarence R. Smith

Subject: Representative Marcy Kaptur writes concerning constituent Clarence R. Smith applying for a fellowship in nuclear security within the Department of Energy and encloses resume

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001909 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 13-Feb-2008 11:00AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |

72. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Marcel LeRoi

Subject: Marcel LeRoi asks the Department of Energy is there an " Oil Crisis" and encloses other questions regarding shortage and crisis in oil and gasoline

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-001963 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 14-Feb-2008 11:22AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

73. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Pete V. Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, Representatives Heather Wilson, Tom Udall and Stevan Pearce

Subject: Senators Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman, Representatives Heather Wilson, Tom Udall and Stevan Pearce writes to ask the Department of Energy to support the efforts of Cobalt Biofuels to create the nation's first commercial scale biobutanol production facility in Portales, New Mexico

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002023 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 15-Feb-2008 9:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Feb-2008 |

74. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman Committee on Armed Services Carl Levin on behalf of Michael V. Kostiw and Kristine L. Svinicki

Subject: Requests DOE assistance regarding Michael V. Kostiw and Kristine L. Sviicki to travel by commerical transportation to the Department of Energy Nevada Test Site during February 20-22, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002047 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 01-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 15-Feb-2008 12:11PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 19-Feb-2008 |

75. Letter to FE/Carl O. Bauer from Senators John F. Kerry and Edward M. Kennedy

Subject: Requests DOE give consideration to the CellTech Power, LLC in Wesborough, Massachusetts proposals

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002048 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 15-Feb-2008 12:17PM |
| Address Office: | FE | Due Date: | 10-Mar-2008 |

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76. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Paul Hodes

Subject: Representative Paul Hodes writes asking for assistance in securing a grant from the Department of Energy so that The Frase Paper Mill in Gorham, New Hampshire can address the problem regarding the temporary layoff of 167 employees due to soaring energy costs and keep running at full strength

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002049 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 14-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 15-Feb-2008 12:21PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Feb-2008 |

77. Letter to CI/Eric Nicoll from Senator Dianne Feinstein referring letter from Gary D.Fountain

Subject: Senator Dianne Feinstein forwards letter from Gary D. Fountain regarding Bonneville Power Administration not following the Federal law when making land purchases with ratepayers funds.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002076 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | BPA | Correspondence Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | BPA | Date Created: | 19-Feb-2008 9:39AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |

78. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Susan M. Collins

Subject: Senator Susan M. Collins writes in support of application from University of Main and Red Shield Pulp and Chemicals for grant for the development of a small-scale biorefinery.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002253 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 1:49PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

79. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative David Dreier referring a letter from Bernice B. Cox

Subject: Representative David Dreier forwarding letter from Bernice B. Cox regarding underground power lines.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002254 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 1:53PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

80. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Bernard Sanders

Subject: Senator Bernard Sanders writes in support of proposal by S.B. Electronics (SBE) in the development of inverter technology.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002256 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 1:59PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

81. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Tim Murphy referring a letter from William C. Peffer

Subject: Representative Tim Murphy forwarding letter from William C. Peffer regarding his appeal to reopen a claim with the Department of Labor for his father's death due to leukemia caused by radiation exposure while employed by Aliquippa Forge from 1940-1981. 2000 Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act is referenced.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002296 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 11-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 2:08PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |

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82. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Jean Schmidt referring a letter from Ray Schumacher

Subject: Representative Jean Schmidt forwarding letter from Ray Schumacher regarding article by Dr. Robert E. Uhrig regarding synthetic fuels.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002300 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 3:07PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

83. Letter to CF/David Schmitzer from Representatives Adam Smith, Norm Dicks, Jay Inslee, Brian Baird and Jim McDermott

Subject: Representatives Adam Smith, Norm Dicks, Jay Inslee, Brian Baird and Jim McDermott, on behalf of GR International, supports GRI's application for the clean energy projects loan guarantee

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002304 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 05-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 3:19PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |

84. Letter to CI from Representative Patrick McHenry referring a letter from Larry Penley

Subject: Representative Patrick McHenry forwarding letter from Larry Penley regarding hydrogen fuel development and production.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002307 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 3:25PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

85. Letter to CI/William Taylor, III from Senator Daniel K. Akaka referring a letter from M. Paul Rufo

Subject: Senator Daniel K. Akaka forwards letter from constituent M. Paul Rufo regarding energy production credit information

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002308 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 3:35PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |

86. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Neil Abercrombie

Subject: Representative Neil Abercrombie expresses support of grant application submitted by Hawaiian Mahogany, Inc. #DEPS26-07NT43119-2 "Renewable and Distributed Systems Integration"

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002310 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 21-Feb-2008 3:45PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

87. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Russell D. Feingold referring a letter from Kim Weckerly

Subject: Senator Russell D. Feingold forwards letter from Kim Weckerly regarding the building of a thermal conversion facility in Wisconsin.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002333 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Feb-2008 11:42AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |

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88. **Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Sessions referring a letter from Tim Robertson**
Subject: Senator Jeff Sessions forwards letter from Tim Robertson regarding biodiesel refinery regulations.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-002334 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EI Correspondence Date: 12-Feb-2008
Signature Level: EI Date Created: 22-Feb-2008 11:49AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 14-Mar-2008
89. **Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Paul C. Broun referring a letter from Martin Salazar**
Subject: Representative Paul C. Broun forwards information/correspondence from Martin Salazar regarding request for investigation to alleged violations.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-002335 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 20-Feb-2008
Signature Level: GC Date Created: 22-Feb-2008 11:55AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 14-Mar-2008
90. **Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Daniel K. Akaka on behalf of Community Power Corporation**
Subject: Senator Daniel K. Akaka writing in support of a grant application submitted by the Community Power Corporation to the DOE for funding of its Modular Biopower Hybrids for Rural Utilities project under the Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Research, Development, and Analysis program
Control Number: EXEC-2008-002428 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: OE Correspondence Date: 22-Feb-2008
Signature Level: OE Date Created: 26-Feb-2008 12:34PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 19-Mar-2008
91. **Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Jesse Corum**
Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwards letter from constituent Jesse Corum regarding the cleanup of Hanford Nuclear Reservation
Control Number: EXEC-2008-002484 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EM Correspondence Date: 12-Feb-2008
Signature Level: EM Date Created: 27-Feb-2008 10:40AM
Address Office: CI/Sigal Due Date: 19-Mar-2008
92. **Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Douglas Johnson**
Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwards letter from constituent Douglas Johnson who requests information on funding for alternative fuel vehicles
Control Number: EXEC-2008-002495 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 07-Feb-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 27-Feb-2008 12:18PM
Address Office: CI/Sigal Due Date: 19-Mar-2008
93. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Professor Jerry Woodall**
Subject: Senator Richard Lugar forwards a letter from Professor Jeffy Woodall regarding securing funding for using hydrogen in transportation and power could improve our nation's energy portfolio
Control Number: EXEC-2008-002496 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 26-Feb-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 27-Feb-2008 12:25PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 20-Mar-2008

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94. Letter to NA/Theodore A. Wyka from Senator Lamar Alexander

Subject: Senator Lamar Alexander supports the recommendation that the Y-12 National Security facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee serve as the uranium center of excellence for NNSA

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002497 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 25-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 27-Feb-2008 12:30PM |
| Address Office: | NA | Due Date: | 20-Mar-2008 |

95. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representatives Ciro D. Rodriguez, Charles Gonzalez and Henry Cuellar

Subject: Representatives Ciro D. Rodriguez, Charles Gonzalez and Henry Cuellar supports the City of San Antonio Texas's application for the Solar America Cities 2008 grant and requests DOE to consider awarding funding to the City of San Antonio

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002651 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Feb-2008 10:51AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

96. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Senator Lisa Murkowski referring a letter from Sara Haggin-Young

Subject: Senator Lisa Murkowski forwards letter from Sara Haggin-Young who is expressing concerns regarding the weatherization assistance program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002652 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jan-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Feb-2008 11:09AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 21-Mar-2008 |

97. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator George V. Voinovich referring a letter from Columbus Henderson

Subject: Columbus Henderson requests to obtain employment records from Fernald from the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002829 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | LM | Correspondence Date: | 03-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | LM | Date Created: | 05-Mar-2008 11:54AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 01-Apr-2008 |

98. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Charles W. Dent referring a letter from Demitry Herman

Subject: Demitry Herman requests information concerning discontinuation of incandescent light bulbs

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002889 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 06-Mar-2008 12:21PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 26-Mar-2008 |

99. Letter to CI/Nicholas Butterfield from Representative Barbara Cubin referring a letter from Robert Brug

Subject: Requests information on any programs or tax breaks for energy companies to go in and develop on these islands to bring energy such as wind power, ocean power and geothermal would be the best options off the islands

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002891 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 05-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 06-Mar-2008 12:26PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 26-Mar-2008 |

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100. Letter to CI/Rick Dearborn from Senator Maria Cantwell on behalf of Bob Godwin

Subject: Bob Godwin requests records of the chemicals and pesticides used at the Hanford site areas K-east fuel pool and K-wst auxiliary buildings about two years ago & has not received these records

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002892 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 22-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 06-Mar-2008 12:37PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 26-Mar-2008 |

101. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator John Ensign referring a letter from Joe B. Fallini, Jr.

Subject: Senator John Ensign forwarding a letter from constituent, Joe B. Fallini requesting the DOE to be reimburse him for fees paid for a private consultant regarding an Environmental Impact Statement for the Caliente Rail Alignment involving his ranch

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002893 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | RW | Correspondence Date: | 04-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | RW | Date Created: | 06-Mar-2008 12:40PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 27-Mar-2008 |

102. Letter to DOE/HSS from Representative C. W. Bill Young referring a letter from George G. Nelson

Subject: Representative C. W. Bill Young submits follow-up inquiry of December 14, 2007, letter on behalf of constituent, George G. Nelson claim under the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002942 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 27-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 07-Mar-2008 9:03AM |
| Address Office: | HS | Due Date: | |

103. Letter to CI/John C. Angell from Senator John Warner referring a letter from Fred Griffin

Subject: Senator John Warner forwards letter from constituent, Fred Griffin regarding increased cost of energy in the Northwest served by the Bonneville Power Administration

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002969 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | BPA | Correspondence Date: | 28-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | BPA | Date Created: | 07-Mar-2008 1:15PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 28-Mar-2008 |

104. DOE's courtesy copy of a letter addressed to Donald G. Begalke from Senator Jon Kyl

Subject: Senator Jon Kyl thanking Donald G. Begalke for contacting his office and notifying him that his correspondence regarding the programmatic environmental impact statement, designation of energy corridors on federal land in 11 western states was forwarded to the DOE

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002981 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 29-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 10-Mar-2008 8:56AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | |

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105. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Arlen Specter

Subject: Senator Arlen Specter urges DOE to consider issuing additional "indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity" (IDIQ) contracts and ensuring a level playing field for small businesses to participate as prime contractors under the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPC) program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-002987 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Mar-2008 9:36AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 31-Mar-2008 |

106. Letter to CI/Eric Nicoll from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from James Reynolds

Subject: Senator Jeff Bingaman forwards letter from constituent, James Reynold regarding the status of his "Q" Security Clearance for employment at LANL

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003064 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 26-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 11-Mar-2008 9:01AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 01-Apr-2008 |

107. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Stevan Pearce on behalf of Phillip G. harris

Subject: Representative Stevan Pearce recommends Phillip G. Harris for appointment to the SMART Grid Advisory Committee

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003131 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 12-Mar-2008 10:53AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Apr-2008 |

108. Letter to SC/Larry James from Representative Vernon J. Ehlers

Subject: Representative Vernon J. Ehlers requests DOE to give consideration to the proposal for a Phase I STTR solicitation by the "Modified Inorganic Fibers for Thermal Insulation"

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003135 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 12-Mar-2008 11:54AM |
| Address Office: | SC | Due Date: | 02-Apr-2008 |

109. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Melvin L. Watt

Subject: Representative Melvin L. Watt requests a Department of Energy representative to attend the 12th Congressional District Annual Grants Conference on June 16, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003284 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 14-Mar-2008 11:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 04-Apr-2008 |

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110. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Virgil H. Goode, Jr., referring a letter from Linda P. Owen

Subject: Representative Virgil H. Goode forwards letter from constituent, Linda P. Owen who is writing to see whether the DOE has the autopsy report or any other records relating to Maurice C. Pickral (deceased father)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003344 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 17-Mar-2008 12:39PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 07-Apr-2008 |

111. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Ted Stevens referring a letter from John Lewis

Subject: John Lewis provides DOE his ideas on how to replenish the Salton Sea while generating power from within a pipeline and using electric turbines from the Sea of Cortez which would replenish the Salton Sea

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003434 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 05-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 18-Mar-2008 3:14PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |

112. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Max Baucus referring a letter from Katrina Wilson

Subject: Senator Max Baucus forwards letter from constituent, Katrina Wilson Martin regarding the Montana Alberta Tie Ltd. (MALT) Transmission Line

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003460 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 9:52AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |

113. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Benjamin L. Cardin referring a letter from David Pyatt

Subject: Senator Benjamin L. Cardin forwards letter from constituent, David Pyatt expressing concerns regarding the relocation of NNSA's employee duty station due to re-organization

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003461 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 9:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |

114. Fax to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Representative Robert Wexler referring a letter from David Lewis

Subject: Representative Robert Wexler forwards letter from constituent, David Lewis requesting information on available funding to development of patented automotive engine

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003463 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 10:02AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

115. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton referring a letter from Larry Imhoff

Subject: Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton forwards letter from constituent, Larry Imhoff alleges that the DOE might be giving prospective employers unfavorable recommendations

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003464 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 10:08AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

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116. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Sessions referring a letter from Marion H. Cooper, Jr.

Subject: Senator Jeff Sessions forwards letter from constituent, Marion H. Cooper expressing concern regarding the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory retirees' pension plan

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003465 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 10-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 10:34AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |

117. Letter to Under Secretary for Science Raymond L. Orbach from Representative Jim Gerlach on behalf of Johnson Matthey

Subject: Representative Jim Gerlach writes regarding portion (75%) of the Energy & Water Development Funding for 2008 (Title III) will be performed by Johnson Matthey in their United Kingdom facilities

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003466 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 12-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 10:44AM |
| Address Office: | Raymond Orbach | Due Date: | |

118. Fax to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Office from Representative Michael R. McNulty referring a letter from Eliza McErlean

Subject: Representative Michael R. McNulty forwards letter from constituent, Eliza McErlean in reference to the Department of Energy's 2008 National Science Bowl

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003471 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 11:00AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |

119. Fax to CI/Kevin Curran from Senator Bill Nelson referring a letter from Sheldon Gillinov

Subject: Senator Bill Nelson forwards letter from constituent, Sheldon Gillinov regarding tax incentive for installation of solar PV systems

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003473 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 18-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 11:39AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |

120. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd on behalf of Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, Charleston, West Virginia

Subject: Senator Robert C. Byrd requests status report on application submitted by the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity in Charleston, West Virginia to the DOE's office West Virginia Weatherization Assistance Program's State Plan for Program Year 2008-2009

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003474 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 11:42AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |

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121. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton referring a letter from Thomas Dragoon

Subject: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton forwards letter from constituent, Thomas Dragoon regarding his concerns with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's decision to open a section of the Ausable River for recreational use

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003475 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 22-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 11:49AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 27-Mar-2008 |

122. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Henry Cuellar on behalf of the City of Laredo application

Subject: Representative Henry Cuellar writes in support of the City of Laredo effort to implement solar lighting technology for a bike and hike trails by submitting application to Solar America Cities 2008 Grant provided by the DOE

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003478 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 12:00PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 10-Apr-2008 |

123. Letter to SC/Kristen Bennett from Senator Richard Shelby on behalf of Alabama EPSCoR

Subject: Senator Richard Shelby asks DOE to give Alabama EPSCoR grant application consideration submitted under Proposal Number GRANT00402791

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003480 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 28-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 12:10PM |
| Address Office: | SC | Due Date: | 10-Apr-2008 |

124. Letter to OE/Laverne Kyriss from Representative Heather Wilson referring a letter from Gina Constant

Subject: Representative Heather Wilson forwards letter from constituent, Gina Constant regarding the development of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for energy transmission corridors in New Mexico

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003481 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 19-Mar-2008 12:15PM |
| Address Office: | OE | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

125. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator George V. Voinovich referring a letter from J. David Sours

Subject: Senator George V. Voinovich forwards letter from constituent, J. David Sours requesting assistance with obtaining DOE/NRC Medical and Funerary Application Forms for cost relief of persons exposed to radiation during and after the course of AEC Cold War

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003584 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 9:52AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

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126. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Mike Michaud

Subject: Representative Mike Michaud asks that the DOE ensure the inclusion of small businesses as prime contractors for the Department of Energy under the Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), Energy Saving Performance contracts (ESPC); specifically ESPC solicitation DE-RE36-06GO96031

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003586 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 10:07AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

127. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Lamar Alexander referring a letter from Jim Range

Subject: Senator Lamar Alexander forwards letter from constituent, Jim Range who is concerned about the possible delay in implementation of a requirement under the Energy Policy Act for ceiling fans

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003587 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 10:35AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

128. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Adam Putnam referring a letter from Mark Williams

Subject: Representative Adam Putnam forwards letter from constituent, Mark Williams requesting information on regulations/restrictions are placed on COOP through or by the DOE and the USDA Rural Development Electric Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003588 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 10:46AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 31-Mar-2008 |

129. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Robert C. Byrd, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations

Subject: Chairman Robert C. Byrd authorizes and request DOE assistance for Franz Wuerfmannsdobler, staff member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to travel on official business to Bismarck, North Dakota, to learn more about refineries and other coal based facilities in North Dakota; travel will take place March 25-28, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003589 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 11:09AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

130. Letter to NNSA/Thomas P. D'Agostino from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Governor J. Michael Chavarria

Subject: Senator Jeff Bingaman forwards letter from constituent, Governor J. J. Michael Chavarria requesting that the public comment period for the DOE's draft Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Statement (SPEIS) be extended into mid-July 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003590 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 11:25AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

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131. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Robert Kota

Subject: Senator Robert C. Byrd forwards letter from constituent, Robert Kota regarding opening new site in the United States for oil drilling or exploration

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003591 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 11:30AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

132. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Rhonda Smithson on behalf of Senator Bob Corker referring a letter from David Swenson

Subject: Rhonda Smithson on behalf of Senator Bob Corker fowarding letter from constituent, David Swenson who has some questions regarding his termination from the Y-12 Oak Ridge National Plant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003592 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspongdece Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 21-Mar-2008 11:34AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |

133. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert Byrd referring letter from Ryan Henson

Subject: Ryan Henson writes about the dangers of using the latest enew energy savings bulb and encloses questions

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003677 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 26-Mar-2008 10:26AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |

134. Letter to EE/Jacques Beaudry-Losique from Senator Mitch McConnell on behalf of Alletech Econfin, LLC

Subject: Requests the Department of Energy give consideration to the application submitted by Alletech's Econfin, LLC for funding under the Demonstration of Integrated Biorefinery Operations fro Producing Biofuels and Chemical/Materials Products program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003678 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 14-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 26-Mar-2008 10:30AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |

135. Letter to Gary Knight from Representative Cliff Stearns referring letter from Johnnie Ray Kizer

Subject: Johnnie R. Kizer expresses concerns regarding the disagreement with DOE and NIOSH denial of benefits for nuclear defesnes workers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003679 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 13-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 26-Mar-2008 10:31AM |
| Address Office: | HS | Due Date: | 06-May-2008 |

136. Letter to CI/Robert Alcock from Representative Ed Whitfield referring letter from John T. Hart

Subject: Representative Ed Whitfield requests the status of John T. Hart claim regarding while working at the DOE Paducah office and became ill

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003680 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 26-Mar-2008 10:45AM |
| Address Office: | NA | Due Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |

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137. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Adam Putnam referring letter from William Carson and Sylvia Carson

Subject: Representative Adam Putnam forwards constituent William Carson and Sylvia Carson information on their ideas concerning "The Natural Air System" and requests DOE assistance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003683 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 26-Mar-2008 10:55AM |
| Address Office: | NA | Due Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |

138. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Frank R. Wolf on behalf of Leslie Setliff

Subject: Leslie Setliff inquires about research into developing energy efficient microwave water heaters

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003733 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Mar-2008 12:33PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 17-Apr-2008 |

139. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Russell D. Feingold on behalf of Diana C. Smith

Subject: Diana C. Smith requests the status of central Wisconsin as a proposed nuclear waste repository site

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003735 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | RW | Correspondence Date: | 11-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | RW | Date Created: | 27-Mar-2008 1:13PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Apr-2008 |

140. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator John Cornyn

Subject: Senator John Cornyn requests DOE give consideration to the Solar America Initiative Market Transformation Solar America Cities 2008" grant application

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003751 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Mar-2008 5:37PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 17-Apr-2008 |

141. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative C. W. Bill Young on behalf of University of South Florida and Progress Energy

Subject: Representative C. W. Bill Young asks the DOE to give the University of South Florida and Progress Energy application consideration submitted in response to a request for proposal from the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (DE-PS26-7NT43119-02)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003756 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 28-Mar-2008 9:14AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Apr-2008 |

142. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Lee Terry

Subject: Representative Lee Terry urges DOE to consider issuing additional indefinite delivery/quantity contracts for small businesses in order to ensure that small businesses are not relegated to subcontracting roles in these contracts

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003761 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 28-Mar-2008 10:47AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 22-Apr-2008 |

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143. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Christopher J. Dodd referring a letter from Jon C. Worthington

Subject: Senator Christopher J. Dodd writes concerning his constituent, GM Industries, Inc. claim for reimbursement may be reviewed and processed quickly by DOE's Southwestern Power Administration

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003762 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PM | Correspondence Date: | 06-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PM | Date Created: | 28-Mar-2008 10:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Apr-2008 |

144. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Christopher J. Dodd referring a letter from Anne Barry-Mullen

Subject: Anne Barry-Mullen expresses views regarding programs that would help to defray the costs of installing solar energy equipment in her condominium complex

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003763 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 28-Mar-2008 11:04AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Apr-2008 |

145. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Ron Wyden on behalf of Curtis Hall

Subject: Requests the status of DOE's review of the complaints of a contractor-employee whistleblower at the Hanford Site

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003891 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | HG | Correspondence Date: | 02-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HG | Date Created: | 02-Apr-2008 9:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |

146. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Gordon H. Smith referring a letter from Mark Hawkins-Mitchell

Subject: Senator Gordon H. Smith forwards letter from constituent, Mark Hawkins-Mitchell regarding the loan guarantee program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003964 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 27-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 02-Apr-2008 2:52PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |

147. Letter to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Senator Mike Crapo referring a letter from Jo Ann Doerr

Subject: Senator Mike Crapo forwards letter from constituent, Jo Ann Doerr regarding the DOE not releasing her employment history to the Department of Labor in reference to her claim submitted under the EEOICPA for chronic myeloid leukemia

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-003968 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 25-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 02-Apr-2008 3:09PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 23-Apr-2008 |

148. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Carl Levin referring a letter from Jerry Straub

Subject: Senator Carl Levin forwards letter from constituent regarding the health effects from compact flouorescent lights (CFL)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004030 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 27-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 03-Apr-2008 2:50PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 10-Apr-2008 |

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149. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Michael T. McCaul

Subject: Invitation to participate as a panelist during the Congressional High Tech Caucus' roundtable event on the Intersection of Green and Technology being held on Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004078 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 26-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 04-Apr-2008 10:11AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 18-Apr-2008 |

150. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen on behalf of J.T. Kostman, LSR Alliance

Subject: Request for response to small business specializing in a full range of MOBIS (The MOBIS program offers government contracts with companies to help improve management and organizational effectiveness) related services.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004254 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 28-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HC | Date Created: | 09-Apr-2008 10:12AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Apr-2008 |

151. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Ken Salazar

Subject: Senator Ken Salazar thanks Secretary Bodman for his participation in the New Frontiers in Energy Summit

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004265 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Correspondence Date: | 29-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 09-Apr-2008 12:00PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

152. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman Ike Skelton, Chairman Carl Levin, Representative Duncan Hunter, Senator John McCain, Chairman Ellen Tauscher, Chairman Bill Nelson, Representative Terry Everett and Senator Jeff Sessions

Subject: Chairman Ike Skelton and Seven Members of Congress request support for the bipartisan Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States that was authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004325 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 03-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 9:34AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Apr-2008 |

153. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative John Culberson

Subject: Enclosed letter of recommendation for Stephen W. Moore for appointment to the Energy Storage Advisory Council.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004357 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 02-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 11:09AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

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154. Fax to CI/Jill Sigal from Michael F. Aube on behalf of Senator Olympia J. Snowe referring a letter from John Webster

Subject: Michael F. Aube, Maine Staff Assistant to Senator Olympia J. Snowe forwards letter from constituent seeking information grant and loan money for development of his thermal energy heater

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004371 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 12:09PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 01-May-2008 |

155. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Gordon H. Smith referring a letter from Roger Heusser

Subject: Senator Gordon H. Smith forwards letter from constituent requesting assistance to determine the DOE's efforts to retrieve the \$48 million fee paid to Bechtel at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Washington

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004372 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 04-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 12:16PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 01-May-2008 |

156. Fax to CI/James R. Phalen from Representative Tim Mahoney referring a letter from Darlene Lewis

Subject: Representative Tim Mahoney forwards letter from constituent who is seeking assistance regarding her weatherization grant with the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004374 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 12:27PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 01-May-2008 |

157. Fax to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Senator John Cornyn referring a letter from Dr. Bennie Ward

Subject: Writing on behalf constituent concerning a problem he is having in getting a fair evaluation of his proposal submitted to DOE/OHEP for the renewal of Baylor's contract DE-FG02-05ER41399

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004375 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 04-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 12:34PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 19-May-2008 |

158. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Duncan Hunter referring a letter from Dr. Scott Brown

Subject: Representative forwards letter from constituent who is requesting information regarding federal grants for small businesses specializing in energy efficiency material and services

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004376 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Feb-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Apr-2008 12:42PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 01-May-2008 |

159. Fax to EE/Lucero and Kiyota (Golden Field Office) from Senator Joseph I. Lieberman on behalf of Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc.

Subject: Requests DOE give full and fair consideration for the Mystic Seaport Museum's application

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004429 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 11-Apr-2008 10:41AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 02-May-2008 |

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160. Letter to CI/Scott Shiller from Senator Kyl referring a list of questions

Subject: Senator Kyle would like feedback on the attached list of questions regarding Algae to Oil idea
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004459 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 11-Apr-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 11-Apr-2008 3:22PM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 09-May-2008

161. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Judd Gregg referring a letter from Eric Stevens

Subject: Inquires about contracts awarded for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004502 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 02-Apr-2008
Signature Level: FE Date Created: 14-Apr-2008 2:06PM
Address Office: CI/Sigal Due Date: 06-May-2008

162. Letter to EE/Alexander A. Karsner from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Senator John Cornyn and Representative Kevin Brady

Subject: Urges DOE to give consideration to the grant application submitted by the MeadWestvaco Corporation and its project partners, including the University of Texas-Austin
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004504 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 02-Apr-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 14-Apr-2008 2:15PM
Address Office: EE Due Date: 06-May-2008

163. Letter to GC/John Lucas from Congressman Robert E. Latta referring a letter from Lynn Sherman

Subject: Congressman Robert Latta forwarding letter from constituent, Lynn Sherman requesting status of administrative review of his U.S. Patent
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004613 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: GC Correspondence Date: 01-Apr-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 16-Apr-2008 12:05PM
Address Office: GC Due Date:

164. Letter to CI from Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr.

Subject: Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. writes on behalf of constituent, Michael Morelan, who is requesting information on solar or wind power
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004614 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 04-Apr-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 16-Apr-2008 12:12PM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 07-May-2008

165. Letter to EE/GFO Steve Palmeri from Representative Diana DeGette

Subject: Requests to be informed regarding the progress of DOE efforts regarding grant awarded to the Denver Solar Cities Partnership program
Control Number: EXEC-2008-004628 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 31-Mar-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 16-Apr-2008 4:58PM
Address Office: EE Due Date: 07-May-2008

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166. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Judd Gregg referring a letter from Andy Pratt

Subject: Seeks assistance to help him construct a proto-type hybrid engine that is compatible with existing vehicles

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004631 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 17-Apr-2008 9:17AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 08-May-2008 |

167. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative John P. Sarbanes referring a letter from Benjamin Lamagna

Subject: Expresses concerns about a proposal for an alternative energy source

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004656 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 17-Apr-2008 2:51PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-May-2008 |

168. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Harry E. Mitchell

Subject: Writes to inquire about the status of a solicitation for a funding opportunity through the Department of Energy's Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004657 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 17-Apr-2008 3:01PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-May-2008 |

169. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Mike Doyle referring a letter from Kevin O'Donnell

Subject: Constituent writes concerning Betchel Bettis Inc. facility in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania is threatening to wrongfully terminate or force him to go on disability

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004717 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 18-Apr-2008 10:39AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-May-2008 |

170. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Baron P. Hill on behalf of the City of Bloomington, Indiana

Subject: Seeks information on how to apply for an Energy and Environmental Block Program Grant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004718 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 18-Apr-2008 10:47AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-May-2008 |

171. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring a letter from Douglas Shontz

Subject: Expressing concerns regarding the security procedures for entering the agency's facilities that put him at risk for identity theft

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004747 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 17-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 21-Apr-2008 10:43AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-May-2008 |

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172. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative John P. Murtha referring a letter from Lucille Manga

Subject: Requests of records for contracts given to the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) (from 1939-1950'S) in New Kensington, PA.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004813 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 14-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 22-Apr-2008 12:09PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 27-May-2008 |

173. Letter to CI/Lisa E. Epifani from Representative Joseph R. Pitts referring a letter from David Stotler

Subject: Suggestion in developing new strategies for electrical energy generation.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004815 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Apr-2008 1:01PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 08-May-2008 |

174. Letter to CI from Congressman Patrick McHenry referring a letter from Jean McKinley

Subject: Congressman Patrick McHenry forwards letter from constituent Jean McKinley regarding the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's requirements on Duke Energy's application for re-licensing in North Carolina and Lake Norman

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004819 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 15-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CI | Date Created: | 22-Apr-2008 1:27PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | |

175. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Barney Frank referring a letter from David Martin

Subject: Inquiries regarding criteria used for Energy Star designation.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004822 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Apr-2008 2:35PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 07-May-2008 |

176. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Richard Shelby referring a letter from Willie L. Dawson, Jr.

Subject: Senator Richard Shelby forwards letter from constituent Willie Dawson regarding the use of geothermal energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004872 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-Apr-2008 11:27AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 14-May-2008 |

177. Letter to Under Secretary Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration from Senator Herb Kohl on behalf of constituents

Subject: Writing on behalf of his constituents to request that public comment period for the Complex Transformation Draft SPEIS be extended from April 30 to July 8, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004974 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 25-Apr-2008 1:31PM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 16-May-2008 |

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178. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Christopher J. Dodd referring a letter from constituent, Nick Bonadies

Subject: Writing on behalf of constituent who is seeking information on any federal programs that would assist an elder complex resident with replacing windows to reduce high energy cost

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004976 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Apr-2008 2:03PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 16-May-2008 |

179. Fax to Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr., referring a letter from Moniem El-Ganayni

Subject: Requesting assistance on behalf of constituent to have his security clearance reinstated

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-004982 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 25-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 25-Apr-2008 2:31PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |

180. Letter to CI/Lisa E. Epifani from Representative Joseph R. Pitts referring a letter from Gary A. Nace

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent regarding Borough of Ephrata concers with Wholesale Electric Markets in PJM Region

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005054 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 18-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CI | Date Created: | 28-Apr-2008 12:21PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 05-May-2008 |

181. Letter to LM/Michael Owen from Representatives Mark Udall and Ed Perlmutter referring letters from University of Colorado Archives and Front Range Community College

Subject: Urging DOE to consider its plan to destroy Rocky-Flats related documents that were once housed at Front Range Community College in Westminster, Colorado

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005112 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | LM | Correspondence Date: | 16-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | LM | Date Created: | 29-Apr-2008 12:30PM |
| Address Office: | LM | Due Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |

182. Letter to SC/Bill Valdez from Representative Michael M. Honda on behalf of Edward Potosnak, III

Subject: Thanking the DOE for providing Mr. Edward Potosnak the opportunity to continue in his office as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellow for fiscal year 2009

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005113 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 11-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 29-Apr-2008 12:43PM |
| Address Office: | SC | Due Date: | |

183. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Harry Reid on behalf of the University of Nevada

Subject: Writing on behalf of the University of Nevada and their application to the National Energy Technologies Laboratory's Energy Efficient Building Technologies Application Center grant solicitation DE-PS26-07NT43185

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005118 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Apr-2008 2:14PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

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184. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Christopher Shays referring a letter from Donald C. Andersen, Chief Operating Officer, SunPort Industries, LLC**

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent who believes that SunPort Industries product qualify for funding assistance as outlined under public Law 110-140, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Section 605, Daylighting Systems and Director Solar Light Pipe Technology

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005119 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Apr-2008 2:20PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

185. **Letter to NNSA/Thomas D'Agostino from Representative Heather Wilson**

Subject: Writes concerning the bid process for the Sandia National Laboratory's Staff Augmentation RFQ

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005160 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 22-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Thomas P.D'Agostino | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 12:34PM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |

186. **Letter to Genevieve Wozniak from Representative Jay Inslee on behalf of Sky Train Corporation**

Subject: Requests DOE give consideration to the Sky Train Coporation's application for Hydrogen Education Development grant Opportunity title Hydrogen Fuel cell Montrail Substation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005162 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Mar-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 12:46PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

187. **Letter to Patrick Liles from Representative Marcy Kaptur**

Subject: Writes in support of the Coastal Wind Ohio request

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005163 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 12:53PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

188. **Letter to Genevieve Wozniak from Representative Gus M. Bilirakis**

Subject: Writes in support of the Sky Train Corporation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005164 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 14-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 12:57PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

189. **Letter to DOE from Representative Joseph R. Pitts**

Subject: Expresses views regarding security of nuclear sites

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005168 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 28-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 1:14PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

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190. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jim Webb on behalf of Rex Cole

Subject: Expresses views regarding being denied of loan opportunities due to the type of house - underground, energy efficient

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005169 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 29-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 1:23PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-May-2008 |

191. Letter to Under Secretary for Science Raymond Orbach from Senator Byron L. Dorgan

Subject: Writes with clarification on a congressional project he supported in the fiscal year 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act; states that it was intent that the grant funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act be provided directly to the University of North Dakota Research Foundation instead of the University of North Dakota

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005170 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 14-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 30-Apr-2008 1:29PM |
| Address Office: | Raymond Orbach | Due Date: | 20-May-2008 |

192. Fax to EE/Reginald Tyler from Representative Gus M. Bilirakis

Subject: Informs DOE that he supports the Sky Train Corporation proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005288 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 14-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 02-May-2008 12:08PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 23-May-2008 |

193. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Jeffrey Wimmer

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent regarding the difficulty in obtaining information from the Energy Information Administration concerning their 2008 Conference Attendees List

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005303 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 01-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 05-May-2008 10:19AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 27-May-2008 |

194. Fax to EM/James Rispoli from Representative Jean Schmidt

Subject: Requesting a meeting with DOE officials on May 6, 7, or 8, 2008, to receive a detailed briefing concerning the progress the Department has made to transition workers at Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant to future site missions and to ensure a stable workforce

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005308 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 02-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 05-May-2008 11:31AM |
| Address Office: | EM | Due Date: | 07-May-2008 |

195. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen

Subject: Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen forwards request from constituent for grant for the purpose of building and testing a prototype of an alternative energy invention.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005336 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 06-May-2008 12:12PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 27-May-2008 |

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196. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Frank R. Wolf referring a letter Gerald Salyers

Subject: Congressman Frank R. Wolf forwards e-mail from constituent regarding effects of fuel prices.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005342 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: PI Correspondence Date: 24-Apr-2008
Signature Level: PI Date Created: 06-May-2008 2:04PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 27-May-2008

197. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Charles Jones

Subject: Requests information about funds, in order to finance the development of an electric vehicle that can regenerate it own power
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005373 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 24-Apr-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 07-May-2008 12:04PM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 27-May-2008

198. Letter to IG/Ray Madden from Representative Tom Udall and Sarah Cobb referring a letter from Tom Marks

Subject: Writes about improper allocation and administration of federal funds at LANL
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005374 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: IG Correspondence Date: 29-Apr-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 07-May-2008 12:09PM
Address Office: IG Due Date:

199. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Harry Hartman

Subject: Expresses views regarding everyone complaining about the high cost of Gasoline and the high profits the oil industries are making; asks if anyone is checking the QUALITY of the Gasoline that we are getting now
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005377 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: PI Correspondence Date: 21-Apr-2008
Signature Level: PI Date Created: 07-May-2008 12:41PM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 27-May-2008

200. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Dan Madden on behalf of Chairman Subcommittee on Armed Services Oversight and Investigations Vic Snyder

Subject: Forwards DOE a copy of the House Armed Services Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee report, "Deploying Federal Civilians"
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005378 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: HC Correspondence Date: 05-May-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 07-May-2008 12:47PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date:

201. Fax to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Jon C. Porter

Subject: Requesting that EE/Karsner speak to a group from the City of Henderson Chamber of Commerce during their visit to Washington, DC, on June 10, 2008
Control Number: EXEC-2008-005415 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 06-May-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 08-May-2008 12:54PM
Address Office: EE Due Date:

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- 202. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representatives Edward Kennedy, John Kerry, Edward Markey, Barney Frank, Richard E. Neal, John W. Oliver, John F. Tierney, William Delahunt, James McGovern, Michael Capuano, Stephen Lynch & Niki Tsongas**

Subject: Twelve Congresspersons write in support for application by Beacon Power Corporation of Tyngsborough, Massachusetts for program to finance innovative clean energy project.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005517 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 08-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 13-May-2008 12:02PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Jun-2008 |

- 203. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring a letter from Kim Davis**

Subject: Requests assistance in getting DOE and OT to coordinate information more efficiently and issue previous transit allocations due to employees for months that went by of increases that were implemented in January 1998

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005548 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 07-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HC | Date Created: | 14-May-2008 11:31AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 04-Jun-2008 |

- 204. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Debbie Stabenow**

Subject: Writes in support of the Collaborative Energy Efficiency and Carbon Footprint Research and Demonstration for the U.S. Manufacturing Industry proposal; requests DOE give consideration to this proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005550 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 14-May-2008 11:43AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 04-Jun-2008 |

- 205. Letter to EI/Guy F. Caruso from Senator Pete V. Domenici**

Subject: Request that EIA analyze the "Consumer-First Energy Act of 2008" (S. 2991), which was introduced on May 7, 2008, in combination with the initial request of May 2nd, regarding the "American Energy Production Act of 2008" (S. 2958)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005610 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 08-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 15-May-2008 11:39AM |
| Address Office: | EI | Due Date: | 08-Sep-2008 |

- 206. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Thaddeus O. McCotter referring a letter from Tracy Slintak**

Subject: Expresses concern regarding ITC Holdings's clear cut policy for removing trees under high tension lines

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005664 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 16-May-2008 10:37AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |

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207. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte on behalf of Jerry Nance

Subject: Writing about an telephone inquiry from a constituent regarding the price of diesel fuel

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005752 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 16-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 10:18AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-Jun-2008 |

208. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative John Robbins referring a letter from Kathy Bugbee

Subject: Expresses concerns regarding working at UG-Battelle, LLC contractor needs to help make her pensions stronger and more fair when she retires

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005756 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 06-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 10:33AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 25-Jul-2008 |

209. Letter to Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Representative Patrick McHenry referring a letter from Joseph Price

Subject: Writing on behalf of constituent regarding efforts to locate resources available to develop an idea to convert landfill waste into biofuels

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005757 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 09-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 10:39AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 17-Jun-2008 |

210. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Representative James P. McGovern, and Senator John F. Kerry on behalf of Boston-Power, Inc.

Subject: Supports application submitted by Boston-Power, Inc., to the Materials and Manufacturing Technologies for High Energy Lithium-Ion Batteries, FY 2008 DOE's Vehicles Technologies Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005759 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 10:48AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-Jun-2008 |

211. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Gordon H. Smith referring a letter from Myrna Talbert

Subject: Senator Gordon H. Smith forward letter from constituent regarding her severe hypersensitivity to ethanol.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005764 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 19-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA-70 | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 11:56AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |

212. Letter to CI from Representative John J.. Duncan, Jr referring a letter from Ken Hensley

Subject: Representative John J. Duncan, Jr. forwards letter from constituent regarding request for assistance for recycling business.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005768 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 12:24PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |

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213. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Kirk Berge

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez forwards letter from constituent regarding potential oil crisis.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005769 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 12-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 20-May-2008 12:31PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |

214. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Pete Sessions

Subject: Requests the Department of Energy to suspend enforcement of these energy efficiency regulations for 90 to 120 days

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005817 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-May-2008 12:07PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 12-Jun-2008 |

215. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Arlen Specter referring a letter from Moniem El-Ganayni

Subject: Requests the status of the constituent pending security clearance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005857 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 07-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 22-May-2008 11:52AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |

216. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Mel Martinez referring a letter from Loyal Walley

Subject: Writes about the performance of the Department of Energy and the alternative energy use

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005858 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-May-2008 11:58AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |

217. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Joseph R. Pitts referring a letter from David W. Stotler

Subject: Requesting status update on previous inquiry on behalf of constituent regarding a suggestion to develop new strategies for electrical energy generator

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005861 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-May-2008 12:12PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |

218. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Robert Frydrych

Subject: Would like to know why there has been a calculation change in the price of crude oil on the pricing index

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005888 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 20-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 22-May-2008 4:42PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |

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219. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Richard G. Lugar

Subject: Senator Lugar forwards letter from constituent recommending DOE create a new classification for businesses that make the necessary investments to go green

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005910 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 05-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-May-2008 10:53AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |

220. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Herb Kohl referring a letter from Zach Steltenpohl

Subject: Expresses concerns regarding regulations and tax credits that maybe applicable to his business

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005911 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-May-2008 11:03AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 16-Jun-2008 |

221. Fax to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Chet Edwards on behalf of Bennie Ward

Subject: Followup inquiry on behalf of constituent who express concern regarding the expiration of grant under DE-FG02-05ER41399; asking DOE to evaluate the outstanding proposal from Baylor University

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-005938 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 22-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 27-May-2008 9:44AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |

222. Letter to CI/Robert M. Alcock from Representative Solomon P. Ortiz referring a letter from James R. Elijum

Subject: Requests to obtain surplus equipment from DOE to assist him in the event of hurricane or other disaster

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006021 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 16-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 12:02PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 26-Jun-2008 |

223. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Johnny Isakson referring a letter from Sarah Blanding

Subject: Request review and investigation for employee relieved of duties at Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006024 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 23-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 12:24PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

224. Letter to NNSA/Robert L. Smolen from Representative Michael R. Turner

Subject: Representative Michael R. Turner thanking Robert L. Smolen for meeting regarding the safety of nuclear weapons being transported within US borders.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006025 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 13-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 12:40PM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | |

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225. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Rhonda Smithson referring a letter from Michael A. Fry

Subject: Writes concerning being denied a position with DOE as a Nuclear Currier after a psychological review

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006031 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 06-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 1:35PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |

226. Letter to CI from Senator Robert P. Casey referring letter from Moniem El-Ganayni

Subject: Requests the status of her security clearance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006033 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 25-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 1:40PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |

227. Letter to Under Secretary C. H. Albright from Representative Jon C. Porter

Subject: Thanking the Under Secretary for taking the time to speak with his guests from the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006044 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | C. H. Albright, Jr. | Correspondence Date: | 22-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 29-May-2008 2:56PM |
| Address Office: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Due Date: | |

228. Fax to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Chet Edwards referring letter from Bennie Ward

Subject: Forwarding inquiry from constituent regarding support of the DOE Office of High Energy Physics on grant DE-FG02-05ER41399

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006069 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 09-Apr-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 30-May-2008 9:30AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |

229. Letter to EE/David Rogers from Senator John F. Kerry on behalf of Wilson TurboPower, Inc.

Subject: Writing in support of the application for Wilson TurboPower, Inc. submitted under the DOE IIPS Submission Number GO980150578877-92902-1091

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006095 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 23-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-May-2008 12:53PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |

230. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Chris Van Hollen on behalf of Mary Caroline Colletti

Subject: Writing on behalf of constituent meeting with Congressman staff concerning application for employment with the Department of Energy, Job Announcement Number 08-HQPN-EI-20-025

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006116 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 28-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HC | Date Created: | 02-Jun-2008 2:58PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |

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231. Letter to CI/ Nicholas Butterfield from Representative Joanne Horn

Subject: Inquiry regarding eclipse and effect on computers that control weaponry.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006135 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA-70 | Correspondence Date: | 02-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 03-Jun-2008 12:44PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | |

232. Letter to CI from Representative Robert Wexler

Subject: Representative Robert Wexler forwarding letter from constituent regarding engine invention.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006139 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 29-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 03-Jun-2008 2:46PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |

233. Letter to CI/Carol Connors from Representative Doc Hastings referring a letter from Daniel Martinez

Subject: Representative Doc Hastings forwards letter from constituent regarding request for estimated cost for running electricity and a safe solution for access to property.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006140 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 30-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 03-Jun-2008 3:00PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

234. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Sam Johnson referring a letter from Gary R. Scoggins

Subject: Representative Sam Johnson forwarding letter from constituent regarding inquiry of air and heating unit called "Cascade Energy Saver" (CES). Waiver assigned is CAC-013.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006141 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 03-Jun-2008 3:09PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |

235. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U. S. House of Representatives

Subject: Requesting a "Q" clearance be processed for certain professional staffers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006151 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 28-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 04-Jun-2008 9:36AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |

236. Letter to EI/Guy Caruso from Senator Dianne Feinstein

Subject: Senator Dianne Feinstein request a robust econometric analysis of oil price over the past 2-4 years

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006166 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 22-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 04-Jun-2008 11:25AM |
| Address Office: | EI | Due Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |

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237. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Thad Cochran referring a letter from Larry Smith

Subject: Regarding opening of the Tatum Salt Dome.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006169 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | LM | Correspondence Date: | 23-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | LM | Date Created: | 04-Jun-2008 11:44AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |

238. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative John M. McHugh referring B. Thomas Shirk, President

Subject: Writes concerning a 204 Department of Energy grant to Baily-PVS Oxides, LLC and Chemical Products Corporation to develop a new energy efficient process for manufacturing an magnetic material

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006386 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 14-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Jun-2008 9:37AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 01-Jul-2008 |

239. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Sam Johnson referring a letter from constituent

Subject: Gary Scoggins seeks assistance with energy efficiency testing waiver

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006404 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA-70 | Correspondence Date: | 30-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | | Date Created: | 10-Jun-2008 12:07PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

240. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mitch McConnell referring a letter from Christian Crouse

Subject: Writing on behalf of constituent request to discuss his electric generator device with an appropriate DOE representative

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006467 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 11:30AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |

241. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Tim Murphy referring a letter from Mark A. Swankler

Subject: Forwarding inquiry on behalf of constituent, over the lost of paperwork for his DOE Security Clearance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006468 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 04-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 11:35AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 02-Jul-2008 |

242. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Thomas Sikes

Subject: Writes on behalf of constituent interest in certain grant funding for biodiesel production

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006469 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 11:50AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 02-Jul-2008 |

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243. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Johnny Isakson referring a letter from Sarah Blanding

Subject: Forwarding additional information from constituent concerning being relieved from her job as the CFO at the DOE's Savannah River Site

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006470 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 11:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

244. Fax to CI/Rick Dearborn from Senator Maria Cantwell referring a letter from Daniel Martinez

Subject: Forwarding information from constituent regarding estimated cost for running electricity and a safe solution for access to property

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006473 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 11-Jun-2008 12:15PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |

245. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Sherrod Brown on behalf of Edison Materials Technology Center

Subject: Writes in support of the Edison Materials Technology Center and its effort to secure funding through the DOE's Collaborative Energy Efficient Carbon Footprint Research and Demonstration for the US Manufacturing Industry grant program (DE-PS36-08GO98015)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006516 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 23-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Jun-2008 11:49AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |

246. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Pete V. Domenici referring a letter from Deborah Eaglin

Subject: Reconsideration of access eligibility.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006517 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 12-Jun-2008 11:53AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |

247. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Carl Levin

Subject: Invites DOE representative to participate as a presenter at the 4th Annual Funding Resources Face to Face Workshop on October 23, 2008, in Detroit, Michigan

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006533 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CI | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CI | Date Created: | 12-Jun-2008 2:22PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |

248. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Congresspersons

Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Corrine Brown (D-FL), Adam Putnam (D-FL) and Allen Boyd (R-FL)

Subject: Action Memorandum to Secretary Bodman from Representatives Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Corrine Brown (D-FL), Adam Putnam (D-FL) and Allen Boyd (R-FL), requesting Secretary to assign/approve the Section 932 grant for Alico, Inc. to build a commercial demonstration cellulosic ethanol plant.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006557 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Jun-2008 9:54AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Jun-2008 |

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249. Fax to NNSA/David A. Campbell from Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett referring a letter from Paul H. Vogel

Subject: Writing on behalf of constituent who has enlisted assistance concerning the reorganization of the Germantown Office of Defense Programs to Forrestal Building

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006565 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 13-Jun-2008 10:54AM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |

250. Letter to CI from Representative Patrick McHenry on behalf of Bobby Riley

Subject: Requests to obtain information about funding to help convert his home heating and cooling to a more energy efficient fuel source

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006682 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 17-Jun-2008 10:38AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 08-Jul-2008 |

251. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Nancy Brooks, Constituent Services Representative for Senator Johnny Isakson referring a letter from Sarah Blanding

Subject: Requesting status update on previous inquiry

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006717 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 18-Jun-2008 12:22PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Jul-2008 |

252. Letter to DOE from Representative Zack Space referring a letter from William D. Stratton

Subject: Representative Zack Space forwards inquiry from constituent regarding the filling vacancies at DOE Piketon location.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006720 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 17-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 18-Jun-2008 12:48PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |

253. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY)

Subject: Representative Ed Whitfield (R-KY) urging Secretary Samuel W. Bodman to provide information in support for the use and impact of ethanol production.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006803 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 9:05AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Jul-2008 |

254. Letter to MA/Brian Costlow from Representative Eleanor H. Norton

Subject: Invites Brian Costlow or DOE representative to join her, GSA officials and the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District on July 8, 2008 at 10:00 am in the courtyard of the new Department of Transportation headquarters

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006807 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 9:45AM |
| Address Office: | MA | Due Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |

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255. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Mac Thornberry referring a letter from Erica Webb

Subject: Writes concerning reissuance of constituent "Q" security clearance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006808 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 9:54AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

256. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bill Shuster referring a letter from John Rupp

Subject: Would like to know why gas prices do not immediately reflect changes in crude oil prices, especially when crude oil prices drop

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006809 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 10:06AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

257. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Senator Kay B.Hutchinson

Subject: Requests DOE give consideration to the application for grant submitted under the Solar America Initiative Market Transformation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006811 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 10:27AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

258. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Saxby Chambliss referring a letter from James McElligott

Subject: Expresses concern regarding the closing down of the FutureGen experimental power plant in Mattoon, Illinois due to cost over runs

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006812 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 05-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 10:31AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

259. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Mike Simpson referring a letter from Anthony Vinnola

Subject: Asks if there a law where company cannot tell you "What Is Your Price of Gasoline Today" over the telephone

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006813 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 20-Jun-2008 10:36AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

260. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL)

Subject: Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) supporting the construction of a cellulosic ethanol plant/project in Florida and applauding the Secretary's steady commitment of investing in new technologies that promote energy security.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006835 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-Jun-2008 9:00AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |

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261. Letter forwarded from Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) on behalf of Bob Gosselin.

Subject: Senator Judd Gregg requesting information for constituent regarding grant(s) for the installation of geothermal a system.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006839 | Priority: | Important |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-Jun-2008 10:47AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |

262. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Jo Bonner on behalf of Robert S. Edington

Subject: Urging support in the form of grant or loan for the completion and initial operation of a prototype production module which produces commercial grade cellulosic ethanol.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006840 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-Jun-2008 10:58AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |

263. Letter to DOE from Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) referring letter from Muhammad Mubeen

Subject: Design/production of small (10 kilo watts) gearless wind turbines to reduce electricity bills; inquiry regarding grants.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006854 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 23-Jun-2008 5:33PM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |

264. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Judd Gregg

Subject: Urging DOE to give every consideration for the National Marine Renewable Energy Centers Program.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006857 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-May-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 24-Jun-2008 9:21AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |

265. Letter to DOE from Representative Bill Shuster referring a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Steve Harry

Subject: Wants to know if US oil companies' refineries have cut back on refining gasoline because Americans have cut back on consumption of gasoline; why is US selling US oil to Japan.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006861 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 24-Jun-2008 9:43AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |

266. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Joe Sestak referring letter from Helios Company

Subject: Writes concerning a company, "Helios" that has an innovative idea for electric power generation, encloses a list of key applications of this project and requests DOE arrange a meeting with representatives of Helios Company

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006904 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 23-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 25-Jun-2008 10:19AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Jul-2008 |

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267. Letter to CI/Carol E. Connors from Representative Rodney Alexander referring a letter from Geraldine V. Crain

Subject: Expresses concern regarding a gas storage project that is going to be built and located in Fort Necessity, Louisiana community

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006922 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 25-Jun-2008 3:11PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 22-Jul-2008 |

268. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Mike McIntyre (D-NC), Robin Hayes (R-NC), G. K. Butterfield (D-NC), Bob Etheridge (D-NC), Walter Jones (R-NC), Melvin Watt (D-NC), Virginia Foxx (R-NC), and Heath Shuler (D-NC)

Subject: Inviting the Secretary to be a speaker at The Washington Perspective Economic Development seminar to be held at the Rayburn House Office Building on September 16, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006940 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | SL/Merchant | Correspondence Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 26-Jun-2008 10:57AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |

269. Letter to EE/Alejandro Moreno from Senator Ron Wyden on behalf of Oregon State University and University of Washington

Subject: Writing in support of Oregon State University and University of Washington proposed National Marine Renewable Energy Center being proposed to the DOE

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-006941 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 26-Jun-2008 11:02AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 21-Jul-2008 |

270. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton referring a letter from Larry Imhoff

Subject: Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton forwarding inquiry from constituent regarding alleged "unfavorable recommendations" to prospective employers by DOE.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007081 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 26-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HC | Date Created: | 30-Jun-2008 9:03AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

271. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Zoe Lofgren (D-CA), Michael M. Honda (D-CA), and Gerald McNerney (D-CA)

Subject: Writing in support of the "Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Technology Acceleration and Development Activity" grant funding through the National Energy Technology Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007082 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Jun-2008 9:06AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |

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272. Letter to CI/Nicoll Butterfield from Senator Edward M. Kennedy referring a letter from Michelle Diotalevi

Subject: Inquiry regarding possible benefits of former (deceased) employee of Chapman Valve Company.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007083 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: ES/SP Correspondence Date: 26-Jun-2008
Signature Level: ES/SP Date Created: 30-Jun-2008 9:12AM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 22-Jul-2008

273. Letter to CI from Representative Elton Gallegly referring a letter from John and Gloria Tracy

Subject: Support for sorghum as basis for developing ethanol instead of corn.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007085 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 26-Jun-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 30-Jun-2008 9:22AM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 18-Jul-2008

274. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representatives Susan A. Davis (D-CA), Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Brian Bilbray (R-CA) and Darrell Issa (R-CA)

Subject: Requesting that the Department of Energy begin deliberations to establish a smart grid regional demonstration initiative at the San Diego region and encourages funding a matching grant program for Smart Grid investments as soon as possible.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007117 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: OE Correspondence Date: 25-Jun-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 01-Jul-2008 10:45AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 11-Jul-2008

275. Letter to EE from Representative Jay Inslee

Subject: Support for the Pacific NW Economic region's (PNWER) application to the US DOE's Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Market Acceleration Grant.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007118 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 12-Jun-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 01-Jul-2008 11:24AM
Address Office: EE Due Date: 22-Jul-2008

276. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

Subject: Support of the City of San Antonio's application to Solar America (SAI) Cities 2008 Grant provided by DOE.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007120 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 13-Jun-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 01-Jul-2008 11:38AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 22-Jul-2008

277. Letter to MA-Brian D. Costlow from Chairman Robert A. Brady (D-PA)

Subject: Approval of the Joint Committee for DOE's proposed purchase of a Xerox Nuvera 120-MFF Digital Productions System for the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007121 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: MA Correspondence Date: 17-Jun-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 01-Jul-2008 11:43AM
Address Office: MA Due Date: 30-Jun-2008

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278. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Jack Reed, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Representative Patrick Kennedy and Representative James Langevin

Subject: 2008 Grant Proposal for Advanced Water Power Projects - Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-PS36-08GO98030

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007124 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Jul-2008 1:27PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |

279. Letter to PA/Alejandro Moreno from Senator Patty Murray, Representative Maria Cantwell, Representative Jay Inalee, Representative Brian Baird, Representative Norm Dicks, Representative Jim McDermott, Representative Dave Reichert and Representative Adam

Subject: Support of the Oregon State University (OSU) - University of Washington (UW) partnership regarding the National Marine Renewable Energy Center proposed to DOE.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007127 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 20-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Jul-2008 1:47PM |
| Address Office: | PA | Due Date: | 22-Jul-2008 |

280. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Anthony Russo

Subject: Senator Jeff Bingaman forwarding letter from constituent regarding obtaining a waiver of the Government's domestic and foreign patent rights for invention entitled "Atmospheric Termpature Differential Power Generator".

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007129 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | GC | Correspondence Date: | 27-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | GC | Date Created: | 01-Jul-2008 2:10PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

281. Letter to CI from Senator John Cornyn referring a letter from Bennie Ward

Subject: Senator John Cornyn forwarding letter from constituent regarding proposal/appeal to the OHEP of DOE for renewal of Baylor's contract DE-FG02-05ER41399, Task A.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007130 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 27-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 01-Jul-2008 2:29PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 23-Jul-2008 |

282. Letter to Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Senator John McCain referring a letter from Steve Willis

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent who has encountered a problem with his request to test his ammonia based fuel at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007154 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 02-Jul-2008 9:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 24-Jul-2008 |

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283. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Henry A. Waxman referring information from Tour Engine, Inc.

Subject: Forwarding information from constituent about the Tour Engine, an internal combustion engine designed to reduce the amount of fuel-related pollution and Co2 emissions

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007156 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 18-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 02-Jul-2008 10:13AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |

284. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Chaka Fattah (D-PA)

Subject: Regarding request for grant to assist funding of The Banneker Institute for its Decade of Blacks in Science initiative.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007159 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 02-Jul-2008 10:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 24-Jul-2008 |

285. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Michael R. McNulty referring a letter from William H. Meiklejohn

Subject: Representative Michael R. McNulty forwards constituents' invention of "charging batteries of electric vehicle while driving; request for information on grants/government funding.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007195 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 03-Jul-2008 9:40AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Jul-2008 |

286. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative David L. Hobson referring a letter from Joseph Shuman

Subject: Representative David L. Hobson forwards letter from constituent concerning pending DOE Q clearance.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007196 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 01-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 03-Jul-2008 9:48AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Jul-2008 |

287. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Michael R. McNulty referring a letter from William E. Hotaling

Subject: Requests information regarding the Polarway Liquid Fuel Process

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007219 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 03-Jul-2008 2:58PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 25-Jul-2008 |

288. Letter to NNSA/David Huizenga from Representative Heather Wilson

Subject: Requests DOE give full and fair consideration to the Detector Networks International proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007220 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 27-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 03-Jul-2008 3:22PM |
| Address Office: | NNSA | Due Date: | 25-Jul-2008 |

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289. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), John F. Kerry(D-MA) and Representatives Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Barney Frank (D-MA), John W. Olver (D-MA), James P. McGovern (D-MA) and William D. Delahunt (D-MA)**

Subject: Expressing full support for the grant application made by the team led by the University of Massachusetts to fund their National Marine Renewable Energy Center. Department of Energy 2008 grant proposal for Advanced Water Power Projects- Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: DE-PS36-08GO98030.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007311 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 09-Jul-2008 10:25AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Jul-2008 |

290. **Letter to President George W. Bush from Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA) referred to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman**

Subject: Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA) writes concerning greenhouse gas emissions and the Bush Administration Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR).

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007316 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 09-Jul-2008 11:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

291. **Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring letter from James L. Powell**

Subject: Expresses concern about scientific research and education and, in particular, about cultivating future innovators and scientists amongst women and minorities

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007330 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 02-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 09-Jul-2008 4:49PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |

292. **Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative John P. Sarbanes referring letter from Duane Bogan**

Subject: Expresses concerns about ideas for generating electricity with nuclear energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007331 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 02-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NE | Date Created: | 09-Jul-2008 5:02PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |

293. **Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb referring letter from Bernard (Bob) Nadel**

Subject: Invention designed to convert seawater into hydrogen

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007340 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 01-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Jul-2008 9:13AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |

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294. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Ciro D. Rodriguez, Charles A. Gonzalez and Henry Cuellar

Subject: Expresses support for the Solar America Initiative Market Transformation: Solar America Showcases 2008 grant application submitted to the Department of Energy by the City of San Antonio

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007342 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Jul-2008 9:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 22-Jul-2008 |

295. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb on behalf of Aprille A. Monroe

Subject: Requests assistance on the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007392 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 10-Jul-2008 4:02PM |
| Address Office: | ES/SP | Due Date: | 17-Jul-2008 |

296. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Lamar Alexander referring a letter from James S. Gray

Subject: Requesting assistance regarding the DOE's disapproval of his birth certificate from a USAF installation as proof of U.S. citizenship

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007461 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 14-Jul-2008 11:53AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 04-Aug-2008 |

297. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL)

Subject: Expresses support for New Planet Energy LLC's loan request from the Department of Energy for construction of a commercial demonstration cellulosic ethanol plant in Florida

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007523 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 26-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 8:59AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 01-Aug-2008 |

298. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Thomas M. Reynolds (R-NY)

Subject: Expresses support for the Rochester Institute of Technology's NanoPower Research Laboratory's current application under the DOE's Office of Science Energy Frontier Research Centers

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007526 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 9:04AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Jul-2008 |

299. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Senator George V. Voinovich on behalf of Intrinergy, LLC

Subject: Writing in support of a grant application submitted by Intrinergy for funding in the Renewable Energy Research and Development Program for a Fuel/Feedstock Flexibility and Combined Heat and Power grant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007556 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 11:59AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |

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300. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb referring a letter from Deborah J. Miller

Subject: Constituent is asking the DOE to extend response time for her EEOC Settlement offer beyond July 18, 2008; also to have the Department reconsider her EEOC case decision and provide the requested video phone, cover legal fees, and to avoid future legal fees

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007558 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ED | Correspondence Date: | 08-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ED | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 12:04PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 17-Oct-2008 |

301. Letter to EE/Joann Milliken from Representative Jim Gerlach on behalf of Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation

Subject: Asking the DOE to consider selecting the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation to administer the H-Prize competition, a program to competitively award cash prizes to advance the research, development, demonstration, and commercial application of hydrogen energy technologies

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007559 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 12:09PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |

302. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Steve Arnold

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding the availability of funds for energy sustainability and efficiency grants and loans as outlined in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007560 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 12:16PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |

303. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Duncan Hunter referring a letter from Clinton L. Lingren

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, who has raised specific concerns regarding the acquisition of Californium-252 through the Department of Energy's Isotope Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007581 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NE | Correspondence Date: | 03-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NE | Date Created: | 16-Jul-2008 2:43PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |

304. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Gertrude H. Finley

Subject: Requests to obtain constituent's late husband work history to assist constituent with a claim for benefits under the EEOICP Program Act from the Department of Labor

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007604 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 17-Jul-2008 9:02AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 14-Aug-2008 |

305. Letter to CI from Representative Lamar Smith referring a letter from Lawrence Cranberg

Subject: Expresses views regarding the leading source of energy - the combustion of wood; to repair what seems to be the important oversight in our national effort to solve the energy crisis

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007606 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 17-Jul-2008 9:07AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Aug-2008 |

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306. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Benjamin L. Cardin referring a letter from Renee V. Holmes

Subject: Requests DOE assistance regarding an incentive plan offered by DOE contractor, Fluor Fernald
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007620 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EM Correspondence Date: 16-Jul-2008
Signature Level: EM Date Created: 17-Jul-2008 11:54AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 22-Sep-2008

307. Follow-up letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Thaddeus O. McCotter referring a letter from Tracy Slintak

Subject: Second requests for information regarding ITC Holdings's policy for removing trees under high tension lines - Relates to EXEC-2008-005664
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007621 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: OE Correspondence Date: 16-Jul-2008
Signature Level: OE Date Created: 17-Jul-2008 12:05PM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 28-Jul-2008

308. Letter forwarded to DOE from Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV to Patricia Schaub, Deputy Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on behalf of Amy Cullison.

Subject: Request investigation of constituent being billed by Department of Energy.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007659 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 11-Jul-2008
Signature Level: CF Date Created: 18-Jul-2008 10:18AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 08-Aug-2008

309. Letter to CI from Senator Charles E. Grassley on behalf of Ted Smith

Subject: Incentives for converting a vehicle to run on hydrogen.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007662 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 10-Jul-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 18-Jul-2008 10:49AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 08-Aug-2008

310. Letter to DOE from Senator Mary L. Landrieu on behalf of Lloyd Gravois

Subject: Random physical agility testing at the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Sites.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007691 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 15-Jul-2008
Signature Level: FE Date Created: 18-Jul-2008 2:54PM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 08-Aug-2008

311. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Christopher Anaya

Subject: Requests the status of constituent's application for security clearance at the Los Alamos National Laboratory
Control Number: EXEC-2008-007719 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: HS Correspondence Date: 18-Jul-2008
Signature Level: HS Date Created: 21-Jul-2008 10:40AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 08-Aug-2008

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312. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bud Cramer referring a letter from James Pittman

Subject: Representative Bud Cramer forwards letter from constituent regarding the development of a "totally green way" to produce biofuel.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007750 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:04PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

313. Letter to EE/Alexander A. Karsner from Congressman Patrick J. Murphy, CEO Julius Steiner and President Dr. James J. Linksz

Subject: Encouraging DOE's effort to partner with the private sector to advance US wind power manufacturing capacity.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007752 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 29-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:07PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

314. Letter to FE/Carol O. Bauer, National Energy Technology Laboratory from Representative Ben Chandler on behalf of Liberty Green Renewables, LLC

Subject: Writing in support of the grant application submitted by Liberty Green Renewables for a planned biomass-to-energy facility in Estill County, Kentucky

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007753 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:08PM |
| Address Office: | FE | Due Date: | 19-Sep-2008 |

315. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Frank R. Wolf

Subject: Representative Frank R. Wolf writing regarding DOE requirement for use of specific fuel efficient vehicles.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007755 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jun-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:13PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

316. Letter to EM/James Rispoli from Senator George V. Voinovich and Senator Sherrod Brown

Subject: Senator George V. Voinovich and Senator Sherrod Brown writing to commend DOE on its ongoing remediation work at the Mound Site and to request clarification concerning funding requirements to complete the project as a result of recent report completed by the Army Corp of Engineers.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007756 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 01-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:17PM |
| Address Office: | EM | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

317. Letter to FE/James Slutz from Representative Steven R. Rothman

Subject: Representative Steven R. Rothman request meeting with DOE representative and Dipetane Northeast LLC for discussion regarding the fuel additive/supplement, Dipetane.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007759 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:23PM |
| Address Office: | FE | Due Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |

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318. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Johnny Isakson

Subject: Senator Johnny Isakson invites CI/Epifani to participate in grants workshop planned for September 22, 2008, at Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007761 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CI | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CI | Date Created: | 21-Jul-2008 12:26PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |

319. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Calvin Kuhn

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding his interest in identifying sources of funds to finance the development of an alternative fuel vehicle

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007802 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Jul-2008 1:21PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |

320. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Robert C. Byrd referring a letter from Amy Cullison

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting assistance to resolve issues with the Department of Energy concerning EFASC Billing Request

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007803 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 22-Jul-2008 1:25PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |

321. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Zack Space on behalf of Intrinergy, LLC

Subject: Writing in support of a grant application submitted by Intrinergy for funding in the DOE's Renewable Energy Research and Development Program for a Fuel/Feedstock Flexibility and Combined Heat and Power grant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007804 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Jul-2008 1:32PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |

322. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Representative Jo Bonner referring a letter from Mike McPherson

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, inquiring about available federal grants for development of a low-cost, bio-renewable energy ethanol production facility

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007805 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Jul-2008 1:38PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |

323. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Feinstein (D-CA), Snowe (R-ME), Dorgan (D-ND), Durbin (D-IL) and Menendez (D-NJ)

Subject: Requesting EIA to conduct a thorough review of its National Energy Modeling System to identify the causes of recent failures and steps necessary to improve project accuracy.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007892 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 22-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 24-Jul-2008 8:20AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Aug-2008 |

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324. Letter to CI/Epifani from Representative Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on behalf of Susan M. Crase

Subject: Request for information regarding tax incentives/grants for the installation of a pellet stove in hom-based business.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007893 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 24-Jul-2008 8:28AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Aug-2008 |

325. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb referring letter from Tami Charles Plumer

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, who is requesting assistance regarding alledged approval of a Federal Student Loan Discharge; Department of Education interception and withholding Federal Tax Refund and Stimulus Payment

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007903 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 16-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 24-Jul-2008 10:20AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 31-Jul-2008 |

326. Letter to Victor Der, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Clean Coal, Office of Fossil Energy from Senator Georg V. Voinovich (R-OH)

Subject: Thanking DOE/FE for assisting the temporary services of DOE employee during recent climate change debate

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007958 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 25-Jul-2008 10:26AM |
| Address Office: | FE | Due Date: | 15-Aug-2008 |

327. Letter to CI/Sigal from Representative Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) on behalf of Amy Cullison

Subject: Regarding resloving issue of demand for payment to DOE froth constituent.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-007963 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 14-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 25-Jul-2008 10:51AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 21-Aug-2008 |

328. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bill Shuster on behalf of Kevin Twigg

Subject: Wrting on behalf of constituent telephone inquiry concerning the cost of kerosene being higher than gasoline

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008012 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 15-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 12:21PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Aug-2008 |

329. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Drew Thomas

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding adding the chemical acetone to gasoline to get better mileage

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008013 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 12:32PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

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330. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Tom Feeney referring a letter from George Hughes

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting assistance in obtaining a grant for research to improve the efficiency of internal combustion engines

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008014 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 12:44PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Aug-2008 |

331. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Jeff Flake referring a letter from Bill Sandry

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding environmental concerns associated with the Transwestern Pipeline

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008015 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 21-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 12:57PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 04-Aug-2008 |

332. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator John Barrasso on behalf of Mr. John Wold, Wold Minerals, Casper, Wyoming

Subject: Senator John Barrasson requests a meeting with Secretary Samuel Bodman on behalf of Mr. John Wold to discuss coal gasification on July 30, 2008; if S1 is not available either FE/1 or Dr. Lowell Miller

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008019 | Priority: | Important |
| Action Office: | SL/Merchant | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 28-Jul-2008 2:26PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | |

333. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senators Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Carl Levin (D-MI), Representatives Mike Rogers (R-MI), John Dingell (D-MI), Fred Upton (R-MI), John Conyers (D-MI), Dave Camp (R-MI), Dale Kildee (D-MI), Pete Hoekstra (R-MI),

Subject: Supporting the application for the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams submitted by Michigan State University and request the opportunity along with business and community leaders to meet with the Secretary during the week of September 18, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008063 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 29-Jul-2008 12:19PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 08-Aug-2008 |

334. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI), Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI), Congressman John Dingell (D-MI) and Congressman Mike Rogers (R-MI)

Subject: Senators and Congressman from Michigan urge DOE to support the proposal of American Process Inc. (API) in partnership with Alpena, Michigan-based Decorative Panels International Inc. (DPI) for a competitive federal grant award under the Collaborative Energy Efficiency and Carbon Footprint Research and Demonstration for the U.S. Manufacturing Industry Funding Opportunity Announcement

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008089 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 18-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Jul-2008 9:10AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Sep-2008 |

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335. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Adrian Smith

Subject: Regarding a Collaborative Energy Efficiency and Carbon Footprint Research and Demonstration for the US Manufacturing Industry; Funding Opportunity #:DE-PS3608GO98015

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008100 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 18-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 30-Jul-2008 10:32AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |

336. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Ron Paul (R-TX)

Subject: Requests the Department of Energy consider this loan guarantee application filed by NRG Energy, Inc. for two new nuclear reactors at the South Texas nuclear power station in Bay City, Texas

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008141 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 31-Jul-2008 9:29AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-Aug-2008 |

337. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring a letter from Dr. Chris Dudley

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting information as to who is the Department of Energy's Administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008144 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 31-Jul-2008 10:17AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 21-Aug-2008 |

338. Fax to DOE from Representative Paul Broun referring letter from Daniel C. Dent

Subject: Forwarding additional information from constituent, regarding reclassification of GE Vallecitos; and to allow Part E application for this site under EEOICPA

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008145 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 31-Jul-2008 10:23AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

339. Fax to DOE from Congressman Paul Broun referring letter from Daniel Dent

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding reclassification of GE Vallecitos; and to allow Part E application for this site under EEOICPA

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008146 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 07-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 31-Jul-2008 10:30AM |
| Address Office: | DOE | Due Date: | 21-Aug-2008 |

340. E-mail to CI/Michael Stwarka from Representative John Dingell referring inquiry (e-mail) from Mark Abdelmalek

Subject: Inquiry on behalf of constituent, regarding the Abdelmalek CO2 Coal or Biomass Gasification Process

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008150 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 31-Jul-2008 12:45PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 21-Aug-2008 |

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341. Letter to CI from Senator Lamar Alexander referring a letter from Wojciech S. Krych

Subject: Requests assistance in obtaining constituent security clearance from the Department of Energy
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008268 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: HS Correspondence Date: 30-Jul-2008
Signature Level: HS Date Created: 01-Aug-2008 9:50AM
Address Office: CI Due Date: 22-Aug-2008

342. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Paul H. Briezke

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding BP tar sands project
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008348 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 01-Aug-2008
Signature Level: FE Date Created: 04-Aug-2008 9:09AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 26-Aug-2008

343. Fax to DOE from Representative Walter B. Jones referring a letter from Steven M. Centore

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, inquiring about the disposition of the Appeal of Suspension of Security Clearance that he filed in November 2005
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008440 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: HS Correspondence Date: 04-Aug-2008
Signature Level: HS Date Created: 05-Aug-2008 9:16AM
Address Office: DOE Due Date: 26-Aug-2008

344. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Frank A. LoBiondo referring a letter from Lloyd Tanner

Subject: Requests DOE assistance concerning his invention of a friction boiler
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008460 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 21-Jul-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 05-Aug-2008 1:34PM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 29-Aug-2008

345. Letter to DOE from Senator John Cornyn referring a letter from Roger D. O'Kane

Subject: Requests DOE assistance concerning an idea on reusable energy program on the secondary use of controlled release hydro-electric power
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008484 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EE Correspondence Date: 05-Aug-2008
Signature Level: EE Date Created: 06-Aug-2008 8:50AM
Address Office: DOE Due Date: 29-Aug-2008

346. Letter to MA/Robert Cooper from David M. Pomerantz, Director, Surveys and Investigations Staff, House Committee on Appropriations for Chairman David R. Obey

Subject: Thanks for helping make the Secretary's conference room available for the House Appropriations Committee Surveys and Investigations Staff to undertake classified briefings instructions
Control Number: EXEC-2008-008490 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: MA Correspondence Date: 29-Jul-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 06-Aug-2008 9:42AM
Address Office: MA Due Date:

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347. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Congressmen Steve Israel (D-NY) and Jay Inslee (D-WA)

Subject: Expresses concerns regarding management of DOE's Loan Guarantee Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008505 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 28-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 06-Aug-2008 11:04AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Aug-2008 |

348. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Texas Governor, Rick Perry

Subject: Expresses support for NRG Texas' Proposed New Nuclear Power Generating Facility and their application for a DOE loan guarantee

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008507 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 29-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 06-Aug-2008 11:40AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Aug-2008 |

349. Letter to Secretary Bodman from Congressman Charles Dent on behalf of John Kaufman, International Battery, Inc.

Subject: Request Secretary Bodman meet with John Kaufman as soon as possible to discuss/address points of concerns regarding Letter of Intent for posed loan of large cell lithium ion

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008512 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 06-Aug-2008 2:02PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Sep-2008 |

350. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Frank R. Wolf referring a letter from Brad Curl

Subject: Writes concerning The Save the Oil Race that was proposed by television program which is to produce the most fuel efficient hybrid cars; requests DOE assistance regarding this program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008532 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 31-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 06-Aug-2008 4:47PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

351. Letter to EE/Jacques Beaudry-Losique from Senator Mitch McConnell

Subject: Expresses support for the application submitted by Liberty Green Renewables for funding under the Renewable Energy Research and Development grant program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008533 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 06-Aug-2008 4:52PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

352. Letter to CI/Robert Tuttle from Congressman Chris Cannon referring a letter from Ross A. Critchfield

Subject: Request for financial assistance to set up plant to process oil shale and tar sand.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008558 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 08-Aug-2008 9:24AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

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353. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Arlen Specter on behalf of D. E. Breighner

Subject: Regarding idea for self charging all electric vehicles.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008559 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Aug-2008 9:36AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

354. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb referring a letter from Deborah J. Miller

Subject: Request for extension in settlement offer and DOE intercede on behalf employee.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008560 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | GC | Correspondence Date: | 08-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 08-Aug-2008 9:43AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

355. Letter to CI/Forrest Allen from Senator Maria Cantwell referring a letter from Bob Godwin

Subject: Senator Maria Cantwell forwards constituents request for reinstatement/assistance regarding discrimination and request for flexible working provisions (working from home, another position, or leave of absence at K Basins, Maintenance Concepts at Hanford DOE site due to medical condition.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008561 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 08-Aug-2008 9:53AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

356. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Charles E. Grassley referring a letter from David Reisz

Subject: Senator Charles E. Grassley forwards proposal for National Ethanol Reserve in Denison, Iowa from constituent.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008564 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 24-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 08-Aug-2008 10:14AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

357. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative David Dreier referring a letter from Susan Springer

Subject: Proposal for efficient internal combustion engine.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008565 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Aug-2008 10:20AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |

358. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Ted Stevens on behalf of Dr. Katey Walter, Professor at the University of Alaska

Subject: Encouraging the Secretary to provide the University of Alaska a grant to complete it proposal title: "Evaluating natural gas seeps as a potential energy source for the remote Alaskan Village, Atqasuk

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008604 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 11-Aug-2008 10:55AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Sep-2008 |

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359. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Jim Jordan on behalf of Edison Materials Technology Center

Subject: Requests consideration of the Edison Materials Technology Center proposal entitled "Energy Savings and Carbon Footprint Reduction through Magnetic Pulse Joining of Dissimilar Materials for the Transportation Sector" under funding opportunity DE-PS36-08GO98015

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008641 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 1:28PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Sep-2008 |

360. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Charles A. Gonzalez on behalf of South Texas Project

Subject: Writes in support of the Loan Guarantee Application filed by the South Texas Project

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008642 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 1:39PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Sep-2008 |

361. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator John Cornyn on behalf of the South Texas Project

Subject: Writes in support for the Loan Guarantee Application filed by the South Texas Project

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008644 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 1:45PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 02-Sep-2008 |

362. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Ted Stevens referring a letter from Laura Inglima

Subject: Senator Ted Stevens forwards letter from constituent regarding concerns with the Complex Transformation Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008645 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 01-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 2:03PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

363. Letter to CF/Steve Isakowitz from Ranking Member Pete V. Domenici and Chairman Jeff Bingaman

Subject: Senators Pete V. Domenici and Jeff Bingaman acknowledging no objection to the transfer of funds outlined in the reprogramming request of \$2,000,000 of prior year funds available in the Competitive Sourcing Initiative to the office of MA.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008647 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 31-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 12-Aug-2008 2:13PM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

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364. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Chairman Dingell requests DOE be assigned the action agency for John Jimison, to travel by commercial transportation to Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada from the period of August 18 - 21, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008668 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 9:07AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

365. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Chairman Dingell requests DOE be assigned the action agency for Ms. Theresa Lavery, to travel by commercial transportation to Denver, Colorado for the period of August 18 - 19, 2008, returning to Dallas, Texas

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008678 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 9:54AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

366. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Chairman Dingell requests DOE be assigned the action agency for Ms. Andrea Spring, to travel by commercial transportation to Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada from the period of August 18 - 21, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008681 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 10:04AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

367. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Chairman Dingell requests DOE be assigned the action agency for Ms. Amanda Mertens Campbell, to travel by commercial transportation to Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada from the period of August 18 - 21, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008683 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 10:11AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

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368. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Subject: Chairman Dingell requests DOE be assigned the action agency for Mr. David McCarthy, to travel by commercial transportation to Denver, Colorado and Las Vegas, Nevada from the period of August 18 - 21, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008686 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 10:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

369. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator John R. Warner (R-VA)

Subject: Request assistance to facilitate timely progress toward the construction phase of the 12GeV Upgrade at the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Virginia

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008692 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 04-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 11:02AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Aug-2008 |

370. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Robert C. Byrd, Chairman, Committee on Appropriation on behalf of Kory Sylvester

Subject: Authorizing Kory Sylvester, fellow on the Senate Appropriations Committee, to travel on official business to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado and to Las Vegas, Nevada to view geothermal and hydropower production during the period of August 18-21, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008694 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 11:07AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

371. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Jim Bunning on behalf of Liberty Green Renewables, LLC

Subject: Writing in support of a grant application that was submitted by Liberty Green Renewables seeking funding from the DOE Renewable Energy Resarch and Development programs under DE-FC26-08NT0004312-00

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008712 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 05-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 2:37PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 15-Sep-2008 |

372. Fax to Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs Office from Representative Mike Simpson referring a letter from Leslie W. Manthe, Jr.

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, inquiring about "Q" clearance being revoked by the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008713 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 07-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 2:41PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 03-Sep-2008 |

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373. Fax to CI/Jill Sigal from Senator Jim Webb referring a letter from Deborah J. Miller

Subject: Followup inquiry to letter of July 8, 2008, on behalf of constituent EEOC action; and also providing additional updated information

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008716 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ED | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ED | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 2:49PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 17-Oct-2008 |

374. Letter to EE/Alexander Karsner from Senator Ron Wyden

Subject: Senator Ron Wyden expresses concern and request response regarding section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 which requires DOE to establish energy efficiency and performance standards for new federal building construction and retrofits.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008718 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 3:11PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 05-Sep-2008 |

375. Letter to CI from Senator John Cornyn referring a letter from Bennie Ward

Subject: Senator John Cornyn forwarding (2nd request) letter from constituent regarding proposal/appeal to the OHEP of DOE for renewal of Baylor's contract DE-FG02-05ER41399, Task A.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008721 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 13-Aug-2008 3:30PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 05-Sep-2008 |

376. Letter to CI/Lisa Sigal from Representative David Davis referring a letter from Wojciech Sebastian Krych

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding DOE security clearance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008740 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 14-Aug-2008 8:46AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 04-Sep-2008 |

377. Letter to CI from Representative David Obey referring a letter from Russell Putnam

Subject: Request for monies to complete project issued changes for addition to revised drawings.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008838 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 31-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 14-Aug-2008 4:28PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 12-Sep-2008 |

378. Letter to OE/Kevin Kolevar from Chairman Jeff Bingaman

Subject: Thanking Assistant Secretary Kevin Kolevar for appearing before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Thursday, July 31, 2008.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008874 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 05-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 15-Aug-2008 9:26AM |
| Address Office: | OE | Due Date: | 05-Sep-2008 |

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379. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Christopher S. Bond

Subject: Expresses support of Federal Loan Guarantee for Secure Energy, Inc.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-008985 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 19-Aug-2008 8:55AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

380. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Chet Edwards referring a letter from Bennie Ward

Subject: Writes concerning expediting the processing of the constituent's appeal regarding the problems with proper and fair evaluation of his proposal to the OHEP of DOE for the renewal of contract, Task A

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009043 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 18-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 20-Aug-2008 10:26AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 11-Sep-2008 |

381. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Mark E. Souder referring a letter from Raymond Houser

Subject: Requests DOE to consider the research potential of the constituent wind generation theory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009059 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 20-Aug-2008 1:53PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 11-Sep-2008 |

382. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Robert J. Wittman on behalf of Larry Sullivan

Subject: Encourages DOE to announce the new members to the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009060 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 20-Aug-2008 2:12PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 12-Sep-2008 |

383. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Joe Popp

Subject: Writes concerning constituent idea as wind as a source of energy, to design a vertical windmill and requests DOE assistance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009117 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 09-Jul-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 9:49AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 15-Sep-2008 |

384. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Michael Butler

Subject: Writes concerning constituent looking for a special type of material that may be able to alleviate the energy crisis and the material or metal can block magnetic waves

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009119 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 10:00AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

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385. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jim DeMint referring a letter from James Ridgeway

Subject: Expresses concerns with constituent's pension plan with Dupont

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009120 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 10:05AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

386. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jim DeMint referring a letter from Leila Jackson

Subject: Constituent requests assistance with the Weatherization Assistance Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009122 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 10:09AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 15-Sep-2008 |

387. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring a letter from Sherdona D. Fryer

Subject: Requests assistance involving issues with constituent's employment at the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009129 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 21-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HC | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 10:29AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |

388. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Adrian Smith referring a letter from Winfred Bratten

Subject: Requests DOE assistance concerning an idea for an "Bratten Rotary Engine"

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009130 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 10:34AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 15-Sep-2008 |

389. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Robert C. Byrd, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations on behalf of Franz Wuerfmannsdobler

Subject: Authorizes Franz Wuerfmannsdobler to travel on official committee business to Bismarck and Grand Forks, North Dakota on or about September 2-5, 2008

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009131 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 21-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 22-Aug-2008 10:48AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

390. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jim DeMint referring a letter from Macie Martin

Subject: Regarding constituent's denial of claim, concluding that evidence of record did not establish that it was at least as likely as not that exposure to a toxic substance was factor in causing, contributing or aggravating claimed condition.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009235 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 25-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 25-Aug-2008 1:12PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 09-Oct-2008 |

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391. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Beth Hickman referring a letter from Hal Butler Jr.

Subject: Request from constituent (member of Coalition of Oak Ridge Retired Employees (CORRE) regarding assistance in getting a pension adjustment.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009237 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 15-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 25-Aug-2008 1:18PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 16-Sep-2008 |

392. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Norma Horn

Subject: Regarding concern of constituent about repairs to vehicle after using E-85 fuel.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009238 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Aug-2008 1:29PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 16-Sep-2008 |

393. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Steve Urquhart

Subject: Regarding difficulty constituent experienced upon mistakenly putting diesel fuel in vehicle.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009239 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 18-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Aug-2008 1:41PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 16-Sep-2008 |

394. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Robert Wittman referring a letter from Bernard Nadel

Subject: Writes concerning constituent development of an energy efficient way to generate hydrogen gas for use in hydrogen fuel cells

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009421 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 9:45AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

395. Fax to DOE/Rita Wells, Golden Field Office, from Representative Collin C. Peterson on behalf of FluiDyne Engineering Corporation

Subject: Requests DOE consideration to funding the FluiDyne Engineering Corporation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009423 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 10:04AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

396. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Kim Cordell of Senator Bob Corker's office referring letter from Wojciech Krych

Subject: Requests the status of constituent security clearance

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009425 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 04-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 10:06AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

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397. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Lisa Murkowski referring letter from Jonathan Skinner

Subject: Writes regarding the constituent having concerns regarding the DOE's calculation of average gas prices

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009427 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EI | Correspondence Date: | 06-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EI | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 10:19AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

398. Letter to CI from Senator John McCain on behalf of his constituent, Steve Willis

Subject: Requests an update of his constituent's letter regarding a problem with his request to test his ammonia based fuel at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009428 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 14-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 10:21AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

399. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Ted Stevens on behalf of his constituent, Joanne Cottle

Subject: Inquiry from his constituent about geothermal activity in the United States and how the use of the resource compares with countries such as Iceland

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009429 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 10:22AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

400. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Susan M. Collins referring letter from Lynwood Giles

Subject: Writes concerning his constituent expressing support for the "Air-Turbine Engine"

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009430 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 10:23AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

401. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative William D. Delahunt on behalf of Acumentrics Corporation

Subject: Supports grant application submitted by the Massachusetts-based Acumentrics Corporation to fund two power system demonstration projects that use solid oxide fuel cells under Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-PS36-08GO98009

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009436 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 11:16AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |

402. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Lincoln Davis referring a letter from Eleanor K. Rogers

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding the pension benefits of retirees from the DOE facilities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009437 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 20-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 11:21AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 30-Oct-2008 |

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403. Letter to CI/Jill Sigal from Representative Steve Chabot referring a letter from Charles Stanforth

Subject: Forwarding correspondence from constituent, regarding an idea for a study into the effects of carbon dioxide on global temperature

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009438 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 27-Aug-2008 11:25AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Sigal | Due Date: | 19-Sep-2008 |

404. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative David Dreier referring a letter from George Campos

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding oil exports, and oil reserves in Alaska

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009559 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 28-Aug-2008 1:39PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |

405. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative David Davis referring a letter from Ralph Dawson

Subject: Forwarding information from constituent, regarding a patented technology to increase the fuel efficiency of an internal combustion engine; constituent would like to discuss this technology with an expert from the DOE

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009565 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Aug-2008 9:47AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |

406. Fax to Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Representative Mike Simpson referring a letter from Brian Morris

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting that asbestos related diseases be included in the EEOICA

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009566 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 28-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 29-Aug-2008 9:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |

407. Letter to MA-70/Eric Nicoll from Senator Dianne Feinstein referring a letter from Stanley Spector

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting a postponement of application fees from DOE Loan Guarantee Program Office

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009649 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 22-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 03-Sep-2008 12:07PM |
| Address Office: | MA-70 | Due Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |

408. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Steny H. Hoyer referring a letter from Mayor Gerald W. Donovan

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, seeking federal resources that are available to enable the town of Chesapeake Beach, Maryland to become energy independent and to have maintenance dredging done on fishing creek

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009765 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 04-Sep-2008 10:35AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 19-Nov-2008 |

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409. Letter to Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Representative Patrick McHenry on behalf of constituent

Subject: Forwarding information from constituent, requesting information concerning funding and development resources for bio-diesel fuel production

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009766 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 27-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 04-Sep-2008 10:41AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |

410. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Benjamin L. Cardin referring a letter from Kerry Mitchell

Subject: Writing on behalf of a constituent concerns regarding the Department of Energy's education courses for realtors on energy efficiency

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009815 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 03-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 05-Sep-2008 9:45AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 26-Sep-2008 |

411. Letter to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Representative Patrick McHenry referring e-mail from William Cansler

Subject: Forwarding inquiry from constituent, about his efforts to review and/or access website for the information needed to apply for a grant for R&D of solar energy project

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009879 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Sep-2008 8:40AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 29-Sep-2008 |

412. Fax to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Senator Jim Webb on behalf of Bernard Nadel

Subject: Follow-up request on previous correspondence on behalf of constituent inquiry regarding his invention designed to convert seawater into hydrogen

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009880 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 02-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 08-Sep-2008 8:55AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |

413. Fax to DOE/Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs from Representative Mike Simpson referring a Constituent Service Form from Leslie W. Manthe

Subject: Requesting an update on previous correspondence on behalf of constituent, inquiry about "Q" clearance being revoked by the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009892 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 05-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 08-Sep-2008 10:43AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 29-Sep-2008 |

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414. Fax to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Tim Mahoney referring a letter from Edward Knuckles

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting assistance to obtain a computer program developed at Los Alamos national Laboratory and distributed through the Radiation Safety Information Computational Center at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009897 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 03-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 08-Sep-2008 11:16AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Oct-2008 |

415. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Lamar Alexander referring a letter from Charles Saunders

Subject: Constituent requests information under the Freedom of Information Act asking for disclosure of information regarding a radiation dose reconstruction done at a Rocky Flats site where the constituent performed repair work

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009951 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | MA | Correspondence Date: | 05-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | MA | Date Created: | 09-Sep-2008 9:48AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |

416. Letter to CI/C. Anson Franklin from Senator Bill Nelson referring a letter from Michael Snyder

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding security and personnel at U.S. nuclear facilities

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-009999 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 28-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 10-Sep-2008 1:51PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 07-Oct-2008 |

417. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Steve Arnold

Subject: Requesting a status update on a previous inquiry on behalf of constituent, regarding the availability of funds for energy sustainability and efficiency grants and loans outlined in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010002 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Sep-2008 2:07PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 02-Oct-2008 |

418. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Christopher Shays referring a letter from Dr. Claire Fitzpatrick

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, regarding a company named Tri-State Biodiesel trying to obtain federal funding to convert vegetable oil waste into diesel fuel

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010036 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 11-Sep-2008 9:58AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 02-Oct-2008 |

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419. Fax to EE/Alexander Karsner from Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen referring a letter from Paul Carragine

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting that his application for an alternative energy invention entitled, "Undertow Electric Generator" still be considered for the current year

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010071 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Sep-2008 9:28AM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 03-Oct-2008 |

420. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Greg Walden

Subject: Recommending the reappointment of Steve Vencent to the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB).

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010091 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 03-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Sep-2008 12:06PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Oct-2008 |

421. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Richard Urie

Subject: Senator Jeff Bingaman forwards letter from constituent regarding re-employment at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) with no response to applications.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010231 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 11-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 15-Sep-2008 9:16AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 06-Oct-2008 |

422. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Johnny Isakson referring a letter from Rodger West

Subject: Senator Johnny Isakson forwards letter from constituent regarding obtaining grant or other financial support for concept of green project.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010234 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 11-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 15-Sep-2008 9:21AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 06-Oct-2008 |

423. Letter to EE/David E. Rogers from Representative Rodney P. Frelinghuysen referring a letter from John Pellegrino

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, requesting assistance from the DOE with his Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) proposal

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010327 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Sep-2008 2:20PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 07-Oct-2008 |

424. CI/Lisa Epifani's courtesy copy of a letter to Larry Elliott, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health from Kim Holmens, Caseworker for Representative Michael R. Turner referring a letter from Melvin Williams

Subject: Forwarding letter to NIOSH from constituent, who filed a claim for benefits under Part B of the EEOIC based on a medical diagnosis

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010328 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 09-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 16-Sep-2008 2:33PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | |

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425. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Johnny Isakson referring a letter from Fred Stitt

Subject: Regarding DOE decision to cancel bid/RFP for portable restroom service at Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010360 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 16-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 18-Sep-2008 11:06AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 27-Oct-2008 |

426. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Representative Jo Bonner referring a letter from Milton L. Brown

Subject: Request for information regarding funding and/or grant(s) for use-specific algae, wave action energy and for an alternative potable/industrial water supply.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010366 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 18-Sep-2008 12:01PM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 09-Oct-2008 |

427. Letter to FE/James A. Slutz from Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)

Subject: Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV) thanking DOE for invite to the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NTL) in dedicating the Technology Support Facility.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010367 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 02-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 18-Sep-2008 12:14PM |
| Address Office: | FE | Due Date: | |

428. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Steve Scalise referring a letter from Paul Alford

Subject: Regarding request for full and fair consideration for overview of planned proposal for financial grant assistance regarding the cellulosic biofuels industry.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010369 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 18-Sep-2008 12:27PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-Oct-2008 |

429. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Paul C. Broun referring a letter from Davoud Eghbali

Subject: Request hearing under 10 C.F.R. Part 710 regarding issue of eligibility for DOE access authorization; proposal relevant to OHA Case No. VSO-0419

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010384 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 15-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 18-Sep-2008 1:18PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 07-Nov-2008 |

430. Letter to PI/Katharine A. Fredriksen from Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

Subject: Regarding a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) rotation in the personal Senate office of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton as a Foreign Policy Fellow for a period of four months.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010528 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 08-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 23-Sep-2008 12:58PM |
| Address Office: | PI | Due Date: | 24-Oct-2008 |

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431. Letter to SC/Arthur Katz from Representative Bruce L. Braley

Subject: Informs DOE that since the project has been completed regarding the University of Dubuque's Environmental Science Center; he has authorize the University of Dubuque to spend the funds as appropriate to best benefit the students, faculty and university through allotments

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010566 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 15-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 24-Sep-2008 11:33AM |
| Address Office: | SC | Due Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |

432. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative John P. Sarbanes referring a letter from Aaron Litz

Subject: Forward a letter from a constituent who is inquiring about available funding for the development of a fuel conversion project

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010612 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 25-Sep-2008 11:39AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |

433. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring a letter from Sherdonna Fryer

Subject: Requests an update of previous letter regarding constituent concerns involving issues with employment with the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010715 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HC | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HC | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 10:26AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |

434. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Senator Barack Obama referring a letter from Tracy Theesfeld

Subject: Writes concerning creating a program that may be of use to the Department of Energy regarding electrical outage

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010717 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ES/SP | Correspondence Date: | 17-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ES/SP | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 10:37AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |

435. Letter to CI/Rick Deerborn from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Dale C. Jackson

Subject: Requests the status of constituent security clearance at Sandia Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010720 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 12-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 10:56AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |

436. Letter to CI/Lisa E. Epifani from Representative Jack Kingston

Subject: Writes requesting DOE to join him in touring the projects throughout the State of Georgia which holds a promise in reducing the nation's dependence on foreign sources of energy and to engage in a roundtable discussion with several energy leaders in Georgia to discuss the future of the energy policy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010721 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CI | Correspondence Date: | 24-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CI | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 11:00AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Oct-2008 |

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437. Letter to CI/Carol Connors from Representative Denny Rehberg referring a letter from Frank Fitzgerald

Subject: Writes regarding alternative energy source, bubble fusion

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010724 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 29-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 11:04AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 19-Nov-2008 |

438. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative David Dreier referring a letter from Adrian Velasquez

Subject: Writes regarding the Department of Energy's consumer education initiatives, DOE purchasing the Energy Star and EPA ratings information from Consumer Reports to the Government and consumers might save more

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010732 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 11:30AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |

439. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator John Warner referring a letter from Lawrence D. Sullivan

Subject: Writes concerning a constituent serving as a member of the Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee to the Office of Fossil Energy at the Department of Energy

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010736 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 29-Sep-2008 11:36AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |

440. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Christopher Shays on behalf of Francis Knize

Subject: Requests DOE give consideration to the Sky Train Corporation's application for Energy and Power Management grant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010835 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Oct-2008 10:42AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 23-Oct-2008 |

441. Vice Chair, President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency Gregory Friedman courtesy copy of a letter addressed to Clay Johnson, Deputy Director for Management from Representative Henry A. Waxman, Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Subject: Informs DOE that the Commission is seeking applications from individuals interested in being considered for the position of the Comptroller General of the United States

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010838 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | IG | Correspondence Date: | 23-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 01-Oct-2008 10:48AM |
| Address Office: | IG | Due Date: | |

442. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman (cc) from Representative Carol Shea-Porter referring a letter from Marvin Woodilla

Subject: Writes concerning constituent plans for developing hydrogen fuel program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010840 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 01-Oct-2008 10:54AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 23-Oct-2008 |

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443. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barbara A. Mikulski referring a letter from Contance L. Lorenz

Subject: Writes concerning constituent filing hostile work complaint against his manager, has been put through four years of harassment, discrimination and retaliation and asks for DOE assistance
Control Number: EXEC-2008-010841 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: HG Correspondence Date: 29-Sep-2008
Signature Level: HG Date Created: 01-Oct-2008 11:02AM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 27-Oct-2008

444. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman John D. Dingell

Subject: Authorizes John Jimison, Theresa Lavery, Richard Miller and Andrea Spring to participate in the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Ministerial Meeting in Paris, France and the French Nuclear Energy Facilities on September 29, 2008 through October 3, 2008

Control Number: EXEC-2008-010909 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: CF Correspondence Date: 23-Sep-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 03-Oct-2008 9:05AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date:

445. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from J. David McChesney

Subject: Forwarding letter from constituent, who is against the United States granting Citgo access to barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

Control Number: EXEC-2008-010921 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 09-Sep-2008
Signature Level: FE Date Created: 03-Oct-2008 1:35PM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 28-Oct-2008

446. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Brian J. Earnhart

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, who expresses views regarding the DOE's Weekly Government Oil & Gas Inventory Announcement

Control Number: EXEC-2008-010923 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: EI Correspondence Date: 08-Sep-2008
Signature Level: EI Date Created: 03-Oct-2008 1:53PM
Address Office: CI/Epifani Due Date: 28-Oct-2008

447. Letter to Office of Science (SC) from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Linda Jacobs

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, who is expressing concern about the Big Band Machine

Control Number: EXEC-2008-010924 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: SC Correspondence Date: 16-Sep-2008
Signature Level: SC Date Created: 03-Oct-2008 1:58PM
Address Office: SC Due Date: 28-Oct-2008

448. Letter to Office of Science (SC) from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Heather Fick

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, who is expressing concern about the Big Band Machine

Control Number: EXEC-2008-010925 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: SC Correspondence Date: 16-Sep-2008
Signature Level: SC Date Created: 03-Oct-2008 2:13PM
Address Office: SC Due Date: 28-Oct-2008

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449. Letter to Office of Science (SC) from Senator Richard G. Lugar referring a letter from Steven Isaacs

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, who opposes the particle collider experimentation at the CERN Research facility

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010926 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 17-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 03-Oct-2008 2:20PM |
| Address Office: | SC | Due Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |

450. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative John M. McHugh

Subject: Representative John M. McHugh urges DOE to re-examine The Biorefinery in the New York's application as it has been previously determined to be a qualified second-round project and properly resolve this matter

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010929 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 25-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 03-Oct-2008 3:13PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |

451. Letter to Under Secretary for Science Raymond Orbach from Representative Bob Inglis

Subject: Representative Bob Inglis asking DOE to consider and support the new supercomputing facility called the Clemson University Computational Center for Mobility Systems (CUCCMS)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010955 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | Raymond Orbach | Correspondence Date: | 27-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 06-Oct-2008 12:35PM |
| Address Office: | Raymond Orbach | Due Date: | |

452. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barack Obama referring a letter from Catherine Camardo

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent regarding the potential risks involved in particle collider experimentation, especially those relating to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) located at the CERN

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010956 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 18-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 06-Oct-2008 12:41PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |

453. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative John E. Peterson referring a letter from Nancy Tipton

Subject: Writes concerning an electric heater unit that are made in China and is inquiring if the United States has a company to develop a similar technology

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-010986 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 06-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 9:22AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 30-Oct-2008 |

454. Letter to EE/JoAnn Milliken from Senator Byron L. Dorgan

Subject: Thanking DOE for participating in the Hydrogen Economy Action Summit.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011016 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 3:29PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | |

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455. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Russell D. Feingold referring a letter from Joel Goodman

Subject: Proposal submitted to DOE National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) regarding Building Interior Evacuated Tubes and Reflectors (BI-ET&R)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011019 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 26-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 4:04PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 29-Oct-2008 |

456. Letter to Under Secretary for Science Raymond Orbach from Chairman Joseph I. Lieberman and Ranking Member Susan M. Collins

Subject: Cyber Security Research and Development is hosting forum on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 in Washington, DC at the Russell Senate Office Building @ 10:00am.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011024 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 26-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Raymond Orbach | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 4:49PM |
| Address Office: | Raymond Orbach | Due Date: | 13-Oct-2008 |

457. Letter to SC/Walt Polanski from Chairman Joseph I. Lieberman and Ranking Member Susan M. Collins

Subject: Cyber Security Research and Development is hosting forum on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 in Washington, DC at the Russell Senate Office Building @ 10:00am.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011025 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 26-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 07-Oct-2008 5:00PM |
| Address Office: | SC | Due Date: | 13-Oct-2008 |

458. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Charles E. Grassley referring a letter from Dr. Gary C. Young

Subject: Forward DOE a communication from constituent, regarding an idea for ethanol production

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011140 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 22-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 10-Oct-2008 3:35PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 03-Nov-2008 |

459. Referral letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from the White House transmitting a letter from 57 members of Congress

Subject: Encouraging the President to include legislative language that would open up Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to leasing along with the outer continental shelf of the Eastern Gulf.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011188 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 10-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 15-Oct-2008 10:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

460. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) Senate Majority Leader and Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

Subject: Requesting the Department's assistance in promptly disbursing funds to the Affected Units of Local Government under the Continuing Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2009 for funding for the Yucca Mountain Project.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011189 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | RW | Correspondence Date: | 02-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 15-Oct-2008 10:51AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 27-Oct-2008 |

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461. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman (cc) to Henry M. Paulson, Secretary of Treasury and Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from Ranking Member Chuck Grassley (R-IA)**
Subject: Key concerns regarding provisions in the Economic Stabilization Act.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-011192 Priority: Essential Critical
Action Office: PI Correspondence Date: 10-Oct-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 15-Oct-2008 11:55AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date:

462. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Charles E. Schumer**
Subject: Support for funding the Nanopower Sustainable Energy Center.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-011250 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: SC Correspondence Date: 02-Oct-2008
Signature Level: Samuel W. Bodman Date Created: 16-Oct-2008 10:41AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 06-Nov-2008

463. **Letter to NNSA/Tom D'Agostino from Senator Jeff Bingaman**
Subject: Thanking Tom D'Agostino for meeting with representatives from Forest City Enterprises and Abengoa Solar to discuss renewable energy efforts in New Mexico.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-011254 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: NNSA Correspondence Date: 03-Oct-2008
Signature Level: NA Date Created: 16-Oct-2008 10:49AM
Address Office: NNSA Due Date:

464. **Letter to NNSA/Thomas P. D'Agostino from Chairman Ike Skelton**
Subject: Request for extension of detail for Dr. Steve DeTeresa to the Committee on Armed Services.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-011255 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: ACM Correspondence Date: 03-Oct-2008
Signature Level: NNSA Date Created: 16-Oct-2008 10:55AM
Address Office: ACM Due Date: 06-Nov-2008

465. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator George V. Voinovich**
Subject: Support for the Black Hills Corporation application for Restructured FutureGen funding.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-011256 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 03-Oct-2008
Signature Level: C. H. Albright, Jr Date Created: 16-Oct-2008 10:59AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 06-Nov-2008

466. **Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Betty Sutton**
Subject: Expressing support for the Black Hills Corporation application (DE-PS26-08NT00496) for Restructured FutureGen funding.
Control Number: EXEC-2008-011257 Priority: Important Critical
Action Office: FE Correspondence Date: 03-Oct-2008
Signature Level: C. H. Albright, Jr Date Created: 16-Oct-2008 11:06AM
Address Office: Samuel W. Bodman Due Date: 06-Nov-2008

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467. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Dale E. Kildee

Subject: Support of Schmidt's Industries, Inc.'s application for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grant.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011258 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 03-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 11:21AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 06-Nov-2008 |

468. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Dale E. Kildee

Subject: Support for application for Energy Frontier Research Center

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011260 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 03-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 11:26AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 06-Nov-2008 |

469. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Dale E. Kildee referring a letter from Daniel Princinsky

Subject: Forward the DOE a letter from constituent, regarding Electromagnetic Pulse Systems and the threat it could have to the nation's power grid

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011263 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 11:39AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 06-Nov-2008 |

470. Letter to Under Secretary Clarence Albright, Jr from Representative Scott Garrett

Subject: Request explanation of Energy Star rating regarding LG's refrigerators.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011265 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 03-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 11:52AM |
| Address Office: | C. H. Albright, Jr | Due Date: | 06-Nov-2008 |

471. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Richard Burr on behalf of the University of North Carolina, Solar Energy Research Center

Subject: Offer support for the solar energy research proposal submitted by the University of North Carolina Solar Energy Research Center

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011268 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 16-Oct-2008 12:16PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 07-Nov-2008 |

472. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Alex Spataru

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, regarding a study for Department of Energy as part of the DOE's "Tiger Team" report

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011310 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 15-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 17-Oct-2008 9:10AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 07-Nov-2008 |

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473. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Ron Curry

Subject: Requests DOE to review each of the issues of concerns in the constituent's letter regarding former uranium mining and milling sites in Northwestern New Mexico; identify sources of Federal funding within DOE or other Federal agencies that are available to complete the necessary actions

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011376 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | LM | Correspondence Date: | 02-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | LM | Date Created: | 21-Oct-2008 9:14AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 14-Nov-2008 |

474. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Christopher Shays referring a letter from Gerald Falbel

Subject: Provides suggestion that the United States should construct a solar power station on the moon and beam the electrical energy to earth with microwaves

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011403 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 14-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 21-Oct-2008 2:18PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 12-Nov-2008 |

475. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Carl Levin, Chairman, Committee on Armed Services on behalf of Madelyn R. Creedon

Subject: Request the Department of Energy assistance for Madelyn R. Creedon, Counsel on the Senate Armed Services Committee, to travel to Aiken, South Carolina during the period October 6-7, 2008, to visit the Savannah River Site to receive briefings on the site activities, including tritium production, waste processing, and the MOX fuel program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011456 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 22-Oct-2008 1:26PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

476. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Senator Barack Obama referring a letter from Bety Ann Manock

Subject: Asks what was the reason given for developing the Department of Energy; was DOE instituted to lessen our dependence on foreign oil

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011677 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 09-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 27-Oct-2008 10:47AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 24-Nov-2008 |

477. Letter to Dave Moody, Manager, The WIPP Experience Exhibit, Department of Energy

Subject: Expresses concern the technology at Magnum Blue Ribbon Feeds would be useful for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011716 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EM | Correspondence Date: | 17-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EM | Date Created: | 28-Oct-2008 4:42PM |
| Address Office: | EM | Due Date: | 19-Nov-2008 |

478. Letter to Lisa Epifani, CI from Representative David L. Hobson (R-OH) forwarded from Jon Dodge

Subject: Request for information in starting a biodiesel processing facility.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011728 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 08-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Oct-2008 8:04AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 19-Nov-2008 |

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479. Secretary Samuel W. Bodman's courtesy copy of a letter to Lonnie Love, Oak Ridge National Laboratory from Senator James M. Inhofe

Subject: Request the participation of Dr. Lonnie Love in a prosthetic technology briefing on October 30, 2008, in Oklahoma City

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011743 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 27-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 29-Oct-2008 9:28AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

480. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Olympia Snowe on behalf of Elisabeth King

Subject: Writes about the NRCS check was erroneously issued to the wrong contractor for a project funded from the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program of the Natrual Resource Conservation Service in the Lewiston, Maine office; asks DOE is there a contingency fund anywhere in DOE budget that could be used to relieve situation

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011793 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 28-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Oct-2008 5:06PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 20-Nov-2008 |

481. EE/Nancy L. Garland courtesy copy of a letter addressed to Stephanie N. Carabajal, DOE, Golden Field Office from Representative Doris O. Matsui

Subject: Writes in support of the Jadoo Power Systems application to receive funding the Department of Energy's Research, Development and Demonstration of Fuel Cell Technologies for Automotive, Stationary and Portable Power Applications grant program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011799 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 29-Oct-2008 5:25PM |
| Address Office: | EE | Due Date: | 20-Nov-2008 |

482. Letter to OE/Kevin Kolevar from Representative Tom Feeney on behalf of Dave Hamilla

Subject: Writes concerning constituent's company, IntaMation Engineering Services, Inc. which designs new technology to improve cyber security; requests DOE assistance to verify that IntaMation's product complies with CIP-007 and would satisfy the requirements of this regulation for future industry use

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011858 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | OE | Correspondence Date: | 30-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | OE | Date Created: | 31-Oct-2008 9:53AM |
| Address Office: | OE | Due Date: | 17-Dec-2008 |

483. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Benjamin L. Cardin referring a letter from Unte Cheh

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, regarding his effort with the Department of Energy concerning his radiation detection and exposure request

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011859 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 30-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 31-Oct-2008 9:57AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Nov-2008 |

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484. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Joe Sestak

Subject: Inquire on behalf of a university in his district who is seeking information pertaining to the funding of geothermal installations

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011873 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 21-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 31-Oct-2008 11:36AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 24-Nov-2008 |

485. Letter to CI/Dan Brouillette from Representative Mac Thornberry referring a letter from Kenneth Trosper

Subject: Requesting assistance regarding concern with obtaining "Q" clearance.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011962 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 31-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 9:08AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

486. Letter to ED/Theresa Alvillar-Speake from Representative Charles A. Gonzalez

Subject: Department of Energy's invite as exhibitor to the 8th Annual Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Conference in San Antonio, TX on December 10, 2008.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011963 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ED | Correspondence Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ED | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 9:15AM |
| Address Office: | ED | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

487. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Chairman Robert C. Byrd

Subject: Authorization for Doug Clapp and Franz Wuerfmannsdobler to travel on official business to Bismark, North Dakota on or about November 10-11, 2008 to obserbe energy activities, including participation in the Great Plains Energy Exposition.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011964 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 30-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 9:34AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | |

488. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Charles Gonzalez

Subject: Department of Energy's invite as exhibitor to the 8th Annual Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Conference in San Antonio, TX on December 10, 2008.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011965 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | ED | Correspondence Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | ED | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 9:38AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

489. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Bob Goodlatte referring a letter from Albert Brown

Subject: Expressing concern with the rise in prices for home heating fuel.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011966 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | PI | Correspondence Date: | 31-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | PI | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 9:46AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

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490. Letter to CF/Steve Isakowitz from Chairman Carl Levin

Subject: Notifying DOE of no objection to proceeding with transfers with provision that contingency funds are restored in FY 2009; and further directing the Secretary to inform the Committee of plans to restore the construction project contingency funds by December 31, 2008.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011975 | Priority: | Essential |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 14-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NA | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 11:19AM |
| Address Office: | CF | Due Date: | |

491. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Olympia J. Snowe referring a letter from James Bryant

Subject: Regarding granting of a waiver for Acadia Combined Heating and Cooling systems.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-011976 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 16-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 04-Nov-2008 11:24AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

492. Letter to CI/Shannon Henderson from Senator Barack Obama referring a letter from Evan Lipstein

Subject: Regarding fuel catalyst that improves burning efficiency of coal and reduces the wasted unburned carbon fuel flowing out of smokestacks

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012033 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | FE | Correspondence Date: | 12-Aug-2008 |
| Signature Level: | FE | Date Created: | 05-Nov-2008 10:41AM |
| Address Office: | CI | Due Date: | 26-Nov-2008 |

493. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Mitch McConnell referring a letter from Gary S. Vander Boegh

Subject: Regarding health effects and occupational exposures of workers at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion plant.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012035 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 24-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 05-Nov-2008 10:50AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Nov-2008 |

494. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Frank R. Wolf referring a letter from Timothy Bigler

Subject: Opposition to the Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines used for wind energy.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012042 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 05-Nov-2008 11:45AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Nov-2008 |

495. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Evan Bayh referring a letter from Ernest Drury

Subject: Request for inquiry regarding security clearance.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012200 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 06-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 07-Nov-2008 9:22AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Nov-2008 |

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496. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Annette Gallegos

Subject: Writes regarding three outstanding receivables with her company ATM Service Company LLC contracted with the Department of Energy for a contract during 12/1-31/04 that was completed but no payments were received

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012228 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | NNSA | Correspondence Date: | 06-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | NNSA | Date Created: | 07-Nov-2008 11:35AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 28-Nov-2008 |

497. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Mitch McConnell referring a letter from Dan Janka

Subject: Requests that MAG Industrial Automations Systems be considered for the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012230 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | CF | Correspondence Date: | 29-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | CF | Date Created: | 07-Nov-2008 11:50AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 28-Nov-2008 |

498. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Senator Ron Wyden

Subject: Recommending the reappointment of Steve Vincent to the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB)

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012333 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Nov-2008 12:11PM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 03-Dec-2008 |

499. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Ted Stevens referring a letter from Jack Hakkila

Subject: Requesting assistance/grant(s) for research in alternative energies.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012334 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 04-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 12-Nov-2008 12:19PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 03-Dec-2008 |

500. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV)

Subject: Requests a response to previous letter dated February 1, 2008 on the Project Management Center activities on long-term plans and reassurances on future EERE collaboration & requests DOE's commitment to the Project Management Center at the National Energy Technology Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012382 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 19-Sep-2008 |
| Signature Level: | Samuel W. Bodman | Date Created: | 13-Nov-2008 10:13AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 25-Nov-2008 |

501. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Jeff Bingaman referring a letter from Gary Huang

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, regarding application for a security clearance with Sandia National Laboratory

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012410 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | HS | Correspondence Date: | 12-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | HS | Date Created: | 13-Nov-2008 2:53PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-Dec-2008 |

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502. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representative Timothy J. Walz (DFL-MN)

Subject: Invite a representative from the Department of Energy to participate in a Federal Grants Workshop on December 3, 2008, in Rochester, Minnesota; Department's representative will provide Southern Minnesota community leaders information and resources on federal grant opportunities being offered for emerging energy alternatives projects

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012435 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 13-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 14-Nov-2008 9:18AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 27-Nov-2008 |

503. Letter to Secretary Samuel W. Bodman from Representatives Lamar Smith (R-TX), Charles A. Gonzalez (D-TX), Ciro D. Rodriguez (D-TX), and Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

Subject: Express support of the Solar America Initiative (SAI) Market Transformation: Solar America Showcases 2008 revised grant application submitted to the Department of Energy by the City of San Antonio

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012489 | Priority: | Essential Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 24-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 14-Nov-2008 11:04AM |
| Address Office: | Samuel W. Bodman | Due Date: | 27-Nov-2008 |

504. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Barack Obama referring a letter from David Gusciera

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent who express concerns about particle collider experimentation at the CERN research facility

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012519 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | SC | Correspondence Date: | 31-Oct-2008 |
| Signature Level: | SC | Date Created: | 14-Nov-2008 3:51PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 08-Dec-2008 |

505. Fax to CI/Lisa Epifani from Senator Arlen Specter referring a letter from Theodore Dennis

Subject: Forward a letter from constituent, requesting assistance to ensure that his plan and concepts for a more fuel efficient engine is made available to the public

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012529 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 07-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 17-Nov-2008 9:25AM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 09-Dec-2008 |

506. Letter to Secretary Samuel Bodman from Representative Robert B. Aderholt referring a letter from Shawn Crider, HH Technologies, Inc.

Subject: Would like the Department to consider revising the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act that requires a change in insulation requirements for walk-in refrigerators and freezers for fear that the new stipulation would put their company out of business

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012608 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | EE | Correspondence Date: | 17-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | EE | Date Created: | 18-Nov-2008 12:03PM |
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507. Letter to CI/Lisa Epifani from Representative Roscoe G. Bartlett referring a letter from Laura Marley

Subject: Requesting case be reviewed expeditiously regarding request denying DOE employee to continue working flexiplace (telework) from home.

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| Control Number: | EXEC-2008-012616 | Priority: | Important Critical |
| Action Office: | GC | Correspondence Date: | 18-Nov-2008 |
| Signature Level: | GC | Date Created: | 18-Nov-2008 1:44PM |
| Address Office: | CI/Epifani | Due Date: | 31-Dec-2008 |