

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
Energy and Water Development
Appropriations Subcommittee
House Appropriations Committee
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
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House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Kaptur:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2014 Energy and Water appropriations bill, we write to express strong support for robust and sustained funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and its critical programs that partner the federal government with industry, academia, and research facilities to secure America's energy future.

The fiscal challenges facing this nation are serious and we support efforts to be fiscally prudent. But, to do so, we must set priorities and make smart, strategic decisions about federal funding. That is why funding for the DOE EERE must be a priority in FY 2014. We must ensure that this country is prepared for whatever changes the markets may experience. An overreliance on a limited range of fuel technologies and finite resources is shortsighted – our strength lays in our ability to transition to new, cleaner, more sustainable and more innovative sources of energy. We must be competitive and not let ourselves get left behind.

EERE's research, development, and deployment programs focus on three major fields: renewable electricity generation; sustainable transportation; and energy-saving homes, buildings, and manufacturing. EERE plays a key role in advancing America's "all of the above" energy strategy, leading a large network of researchers and other partners to deliver innovative technologies that will make renewable electricity generation cost-competitive with traditional sources of energy.

The United States should be leading the world in the search for better, safer, more affordable energy. By prioritizing funding for DOE EERE, Congress will be signaling to our scientists and engineers at home and around the world that we are serious about rising to meet the growing demand for cheaper, more sustainable energy. By preserving our capacity to innovate, we will continue to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy, enhance our competitiveness and create good American jobs well into the future. For these reasons, we urge you to make strong and sustained funding for the DOE EERE one of your highest priorities in FY 2014.

Sincerely,



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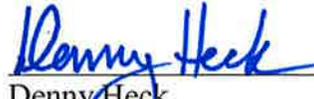
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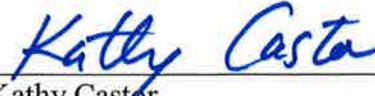
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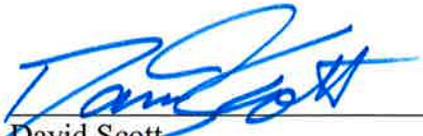
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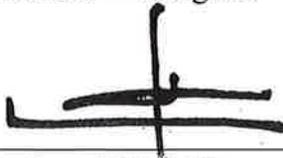
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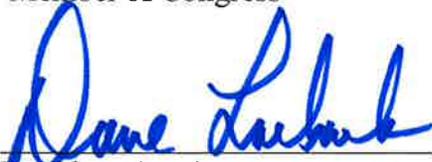
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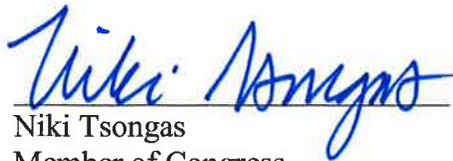
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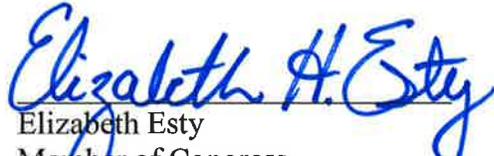
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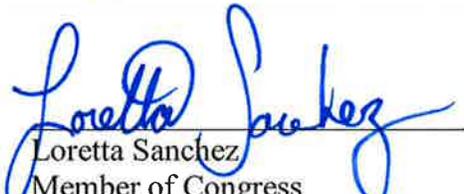


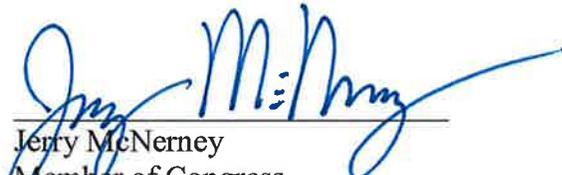
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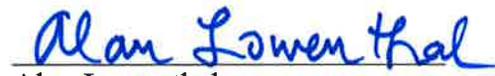

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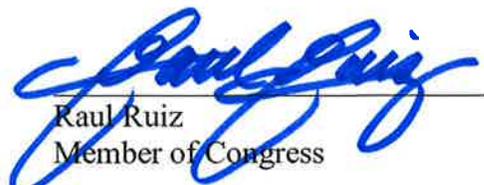

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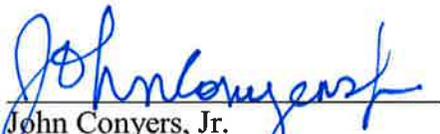

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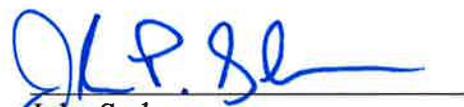

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