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

Dear Dr. Chu,

I write today regarding the Department's consideration of applications for its current round of grants and loan guarantees for projects under the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) program.

I urge you to give priority to "shovel-ready" projects that can be deployed in the very near term (i.e., preferably within 6-24 months), with emphasis on projects that will lead the nation away from its enormous dependence on fossil fuels and usher new technologies that will produce fewer greenhouse gas emissions, reduced energy imports, and maximum job creation.

Since technology and science are vital to the nation's advancement, I also urge you to take all steps necessary to fast-track projects that have been previously reviewed by the Department, have shown merit and have been previously selected for awards or consideration of awards or loan guarantees.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

ANDER CRENSHAW

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