

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

June 25, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
James Forrestal Building
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

We write today to highlight the remarkable automotive innovation occurring in Indiana – and the tremendous potential for Hoosiers to lead our national effort in transforming the automotive sector. Indiana is uniquely qualified and prepared to lead the nation and the world in the development and commercialization of advanced battery, electric drive vehicles and other innovative transportation technologies.

Hoosiers are committed to reaching our national goal of reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and they are actively researching, developing and manufacturing technologies that will be cleaner and create lasting jobs.

The Hoosier state is the most manufacturing intensive state in the union and is home to some 700 automotive related companies which employ more than 130,000 workers. Moreover, Indiana's broad diversity of domestic and international companies, its long experience manufacturing light duty, heavy duty, recreational and military vehicles, and its rich legacy pioneering the development of the electric power train makes the state a national hub for automotive technology development. Indiana's proven experience positions it to be the leader in next-generation batteries and electric drive vehicles. Hoosier companies like Delco Remy and later Delphi were ahead of their time in producing batteries systems for advanced technology vehicles, leading the development of the battery system for the EV1, GM's first and only electric vehicle.

Indiana already is home to a number of established and emerging battery and electric vehicle technology companies. Our state is also a national hub for battery systems development and testing for the defense and national security industry with unique assets like the U.S. Navy's Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane, which has forged strong partnerships around energy storage technologies with several top defense contractors across Indiana.

In addition, Indiana's world-class research universities including Purdue University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the University of Notre Dame have formed an active research and development partnership around next-

generation battery technology and are working with a network of industry partners to accelerate technology transfer. These university partners are also collaborating with Indiana's statewide community colleges to develop new degree programs and curriculums needed to prepare the Hoosier workforce for advanced battery technology jobs.

Most importantly, Hoosiers have committed themselves to the goal of transforming our transportation sector. Diverse stakeholders recognize that no one company has all the answers and that success requires collaboration and partnership that crosses multiple industry boundaries. Hoosier companies have forged a number of joint partnerships involving Fortune 500 companies, innovative start-ups and leading research institutions to leverage their assets and accelerate the development of advanced battery and energy technology solutions. Likewise, community support is palpable, with a steady stream of interest from local governments, schools, universities and non-government groups.

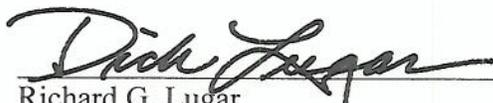
We strongly believe that Indiana is the smart choice for investment of grants, loans and other federal support for the research, development and commercialization of advanced automotive technologies and fuels. In particular, several Hoosier companies have applied for existing grants and loans through the \$2 billion Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative and the \$25 billion Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program. As you evaluate these proposals, we encourage you to remember the strong multiplier effect that will come by investing in a state already committed and with a broad base of support and experience.

Indiana's automotive and energy technology industries are uniquely positioned to participate in these new programs. Their experience, technical expertise, and commitment to collaboration would provide significant leverage for any federal investment. Investing in Hoosier innovation will make America safer, make our economy stronger and make our environment cleaner.

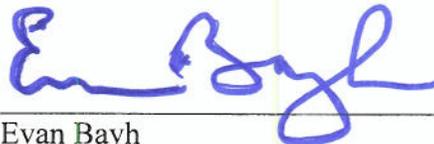
We strongly encourage you to give full consideration to the innovative applications for federal investment made by Indiana companies and institutions to accelerate the commercialization of high performance, safe, and cost effective advanced battery technologies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



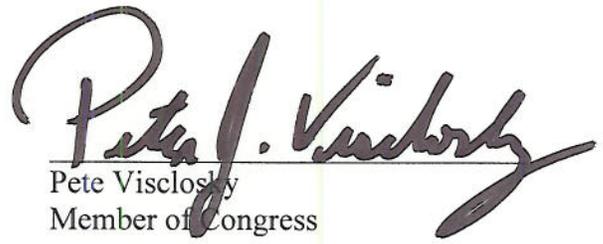
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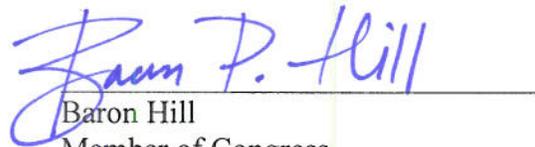
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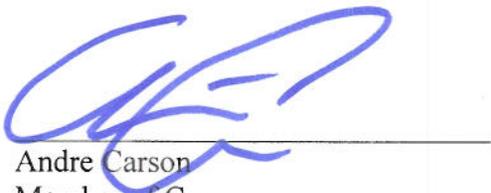
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