

March 29, 2011

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Reid, Speaker Boehner, Leader McConnell and Leader Pelosi:

As the Senate considers a Continuing Resolution (CR) to fund the government for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year, we urge you to continue funding the Department of Energy's (DOE) renewable energy loan guarantee programs (Sec. 1705 and Sec. 1703). In addition, we request your support for program changes that would allow viable Sec. 1705 project applications to transfer into the Sec. 1703 program. As chief executive officers of 34 companies, we are investing in projects with pending loan guarantee applications based on the good faith notion that the DOE programs would function as stipulated in law and as Congress intended. We are deeply concerned that eliminating funding for this critical program will not only destroy thousands of pending jobs and hinder the growth of critically-needed U.S. domestic energy production, but also defeat America's effort to compete with China, Germany and others in the clean technology marketplace.

Our companies represent a wide range of renewable energy technologies that produce electricity and liquid fuels – solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, biofuels – as well as critical technology to transmit electricity from wind and solar production. The DOE loan guarantee program represents the best and often only way to cross the barrier from developing clean domestic energy technologies to deploying those technologies commercially here in the U.S. and around the world.

The loan guarantee program is a win-win-win for taxpayers, American clean technology and the communities and states where these investments are being made. The program's real costs are paid for by the companies that submit applications, and each federal dollar of loan guarantees leverages \$13 in private capital investment.

This program has already proven its ability to deliver: It has committed more than \$26 billion in loans and loan guarantees to projects that represent \$42 billion in investment in our still-struggling U.S. economy. These investments represent an estimated 58,000 direct and indirect jobs across 19 states. Projects still in the pipeline for approval that would be killed or put at risk by the proposal in H.R. 1 to take away the funding for the program represent an additional \$24 billion in near-term investment in America's energy infrastructure that would put another 35,000 Americans to work in good, high paying jobs. These are not hypothetical jobs of the future. These are jobs on projects that are ready to begin construction **this year**— as soon as their loan guarantees are concluded.

The projects for which our companies have applied – all of which are ready to begin construction between now and September 30th of this year -- represent over \$13.3 billion of investment in 28 states and will generate 15,600 construction jobs and 10,200 permanent operating jobs as well as thousands of additional jobs for equipment and services provided by suppliers.

As part of our applications, our companies have already spent tens of millions of dollars to meet the government's stringent requirements for a loan guarantee. Our companies have hired engineers, acquired land, complied with environmental reviews, and negotiated power purchase or other off-take agreements. Eliminating funding at this late stage would literally pull out the rug from under our projects, just when we are about to break ground.

Unless the full year CR protects funding for the program, our economy could sacrifice a generation of our best clean technology opportunities - delivering a devastating blow to the US renewable energy industry. Longer-term, future projects that will seek private sector lending once they are proven commercially with the help of the Loan Guarantee Program would be jeopardized, damaging U.S. competitiveness and domestic manufacturing and a supply chain that is dependent on the large-scale deployment of renewable projects in the U.S.

We hope you will support the Department of Energy's loan guarantee programs and ensure these private sector investments are made to build our domestic clean energy infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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John Woolard, CEO

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Jeffrey Lee, President and CEO



## RENEWABLE PROJECTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>
Abengoa Bioenergy	Biomass	Hugoton, KA
Abengoa Solar	Mojave SolarProject	San Bernardino County, CA
Biomass Gas & Electric	NW Florida Renewable Energy Center	Port St. Joe, FL
Bottle Rock Power	Augmented Steam Project	Lake County, CA
Brightsource	Ivanpah	San Bernardino County, CA
California Ethanol & Power	Integrated biorefinery	Imperial and Palo Verde Valleys, CA
Calisolar	Solar Manufacturing	OH
Csolar Development	Imperial Solar Energy Center South	El Centro, CA
First Solar	Agua Caliente	Yuma County, AZ
FloDesign	Wind Repowering Project	CA and MA
Fotowatio	Apex Solar	North Las Vegas, NV
Fotowatio	Spectrum Solar	Clark County, NV
Frontier	Frontier Kinross LLC	Kinross, MI
Fulcrum BioEnergy	Fulcrum Sierra Biofuels	Story County, NV
Montana Ethanol	Integrated biorefinery	Great Falls, MT
Nanosolar	Phased Expansion of Solar Mfg	San Jose, CA
Nordic Windpower	1MW Wind Turbine Mfg	Kansas City, MO
Pattern Energy	Spring Valley	Ely, NV
Pattern Energy	Ocotillo	Ocotillo, CA
POET	Project Liberty	Emmetsburg, IA
RED	West Virginia Alloys	Alloy, WV
Rentech	Rialto Project	Rialto, CA
Sea Breeze Power Corp.	Juan de Fuca Cable Project	CA and WA
Soitec	Imperial Solar Energy Center West	El Centro, FL
SolarCity	Multiple sites	Multiple states
SolarReserve	Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project	Nye County, NV
SolarReserve	Rice Solar Energy Project	Riverside County, CA
Solar Trust of America	Blythe Solar Power Project	Riverside County, CA
SoloPower	Cell module manufacturing	San Jose, CA
Stion	Solar Manufacturing	San Jose, CA
SunPower	California Valley Solar Ranch	San Luis Obispo, CA
Taylor Biomass	Taylor Montgomery Project	Orange County, NY
US Geothermal	Neal Hot Springs	OR
US Geothermal	San Emidio	NV