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The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Secretary Chu,

As Majority Leader of the Nevada State Senate, I would like to offer my support for NV Energy's application for the DOE's Smart Grid Investment Grant.

I led the State Senate to pass legislation that supports renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation. This support helps the residents of the State of Nevada in job creation and in assisting in their rising energy costs. Nevada experiences one of the most extreme weather fluctuations in the country. This makes it extremely difficult for the residents to manage their energy usage. The project proposed by NV Energy, "Advanced Service Delivery (ASD)" is a comprehensive integrated Smart Grid solution. It will provide a safe, reliable and scalable integrated Smart Grid solution combining Dynamic Pricing, Customer Communications, Home Area Network, Demand Response, Load Control, Distribution Automation, Distributed Renewables and electric vehicle grid connection. ASD will provide customers information to take ownership of their energy usage, reduce the utilities peak demand, and produce operational benefits.

NV Energy serves electricity to approximately 2.4 million people across its 54,500 square mile service territory. NV Energy has served citizens of Nevada for over 150 years in the north and over 100 years in the south. They are one of the fastest growing energy companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Horsford".

Senator Steven Horsford
Senate Majority Leader