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

Re: State Energy Program Assurances

Dear Secretary Chu:

As a condition of receiving our State's share of the \$3.1 billion funding for the State Energy Program (SEP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA), I am providing the following assurances. I will communicate to our public utility commission and request that they implement, in appropriate proceedings, a general policy to promote energy efficiency and develop appropriate rate incentives consistent with the statutory language contained in Section 410 of ARRA. I am also requesting that our state fire commission take certain regulatory actions to improve building energy codes, consistent with state law and state constitutional requirements, and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

We are prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and expand programs where appropriate.

Our State is committed to a robust improvement in energy efficiency and renewable energy, as well as a balanced state energy policy. I want to assure you that, within the limits of my authority, we will move forward in these critical areas.

We look forward to immediate distribution of the Federal SEP funds to permit my State to make progress in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III".

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