

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 18, 2013

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Chairman, Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
Ranking Member, Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Kaptur:

As Members of Congress with a strong interest in fuel cell and hydrogen energy (FC&H2) technology, we thank you for consistently funding the FC&H2 programs in the Department of Energy (DOE). We are writing to urge your continued robust support for these activities as you begin consideration of Fiscal Year 2014 Energy and Water Appropriations. These critical programs create jobs, stimulate exports, increase the efficient use of our nation's natural resources, reduce dependence on foreign oil and enhance energy security, while avoiding criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions.

**As the Committee develops the FY2014 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, we urge you to support \$147.8 million for the fuel cell and hydrogen energy programs managed by the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE); and \$50 million for the Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance (SECA) solid oxide fuel cell program in the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) at DOE.** These amounts reflect the substantial progress made by these programs, and the resources needed to continue and accelerate their successful commercialization.

Fuel cell and hydrogen technologies create jobs and are a crucial part of the portfolio of advanced energy technologies that will help achieve the nation's oil and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Fuel cells for stationary power and material handling equipment are becoming commercially available in niche markets and creating jobs today in domestic and export-oriented manufacturing. The U.S. is poised to introduce fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) by 2015, as long as there is continued support for technology maturation, supplier development and infrastructure deployment. Advanced R&D in FE and EERE, market transformation, technology


validation, codes and standards, and hydrogen efficiencies in EERE are key components of the fuel cell budget.


The U.S. currently leads the world in fuel cell and hydrogen technologies. Japan, Germany, Korea, and China have made it a national priority to develop these technologies and attract the skills and intellectual property to create a domestic clean energy business as a platform for a future export market. In the U.S., fuel cell commercialization is within reach, and businesses are making the necessary investments to bring fuel cell-powered products to American customers. Congress should provide the necessary funding and direction to the Department of Energy so that it can continue leveraging these private dollars to help mature current markets and aid in creating a competitive landscape for budding ones. Realizing the budget constraints you are working under, the funding levels enumerated in this letter will send a strong, positive signal to other investors, companies investing in fuel cell products, auto makers, supply chain partners and potential customers.

Thank you for consideration of our request.


Sincerely,

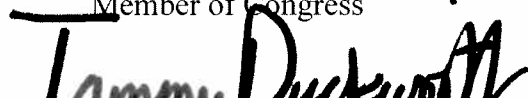
  
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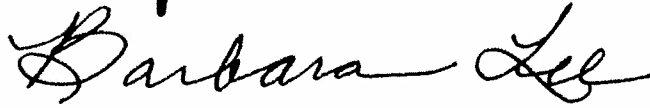
  
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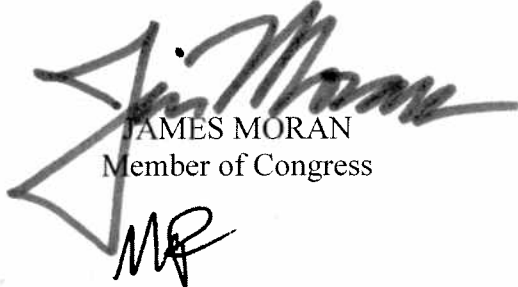
  
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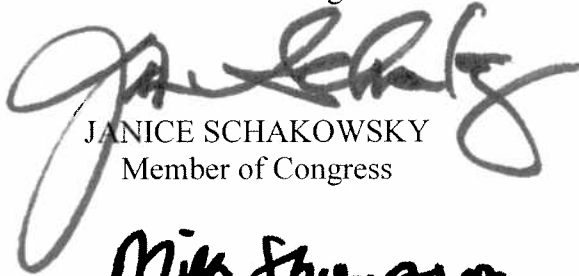
  
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