



August 3, 2010

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Proposed Rescission of \$1.5 Billion from Renewable/ Transmission Loan Guarantee Program

Dear Senator:

I am writing to express on behalf of our 1,000 member companies that the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) is strongly opposed to the proposed rescission of \$1.5 billion from the Department of Energy (DOE) Renewables/Transmission Loan Guarantee Program. This proposal is included as an offset in Senator Reid's amendment to H.R. 1586, the *FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act*, which may be considered on the Senate floor tomorrow. SEIA respectfully requests that you vote against any amendment that would cut funding from the DOE Section 1705 Loan Guarantee Program.

Last month, President Obama announced two conditional loan guarantees to solar companies; one for a solar power plant in Arizona, and one for solar manufacturing facilities in Colorado and Indiana. There are dozens of job-creating renewable energy projects like these waiting for loan guarantees from DOE. Rescinding funding at this time would be devastating to the solar industry's efforts to develop clean electric generation and would result in the loss of thousands of jobs.

This proposed rescission jeopardizes \$15 to \$20 billion of private investment in pollution-free energy generation and domestic manufacturing. A \$1.5 billion rescission would cut the DOE loan guarantee program to the point where it would be substantially over-subscribed and many meritorious applications would likely be denied. Solar investors, who have relied on the existence of the loan guarantee program when making their business plans, and the industry's tens of thousands of employees, would be left high and dry.

In closing, it would be a terrible mistake to gut the DOE loan guarantee program right when it is on the verge of making dozens of clean energy projects a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel M. Adamson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel M. Adamson
Vice President, Government Affairs
Solar Energy Industries Association