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April 14, 2011

Vic Abate
Vice President of Renewables
General Electric Energy
1 River Road
Schenectady, NY 12345

Dear Mr. Abate,

We were pleased to read in an article that appeared in last week's *Denver Post* that General Electric (GE) is considering Colorado as a potential site for a large, new solar panel manufacturing facility. Colorado is on the leading edge of clean energy economic development and we can't think of a better place to site such a facility.

Our state is a demonstrated leader in clean energy research, innovation and manufacturing. Golden, Colorado is home to the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). Several of our universities – including the University of Colorado, Colorado State University and the Colorado School of Mines – are recognized as pioneers on a variety of clean energy issues.

As you know, we are already home to several innovative solar companies in Colorado, including the company GE recently acquired, Primestar Solar. Colorado is no stranger to other types of renewable manufacturing, either. Vestas Wind is reaping the benefits of the investments it has made in Colorado. When the Vestas plants – spread across our state and producing a variety of wind turbine components – are operating at full capacity, they will employ more than 2,500 Coloradans. We anticipate similar success with the GE facility(ies) in Colorado.

We write to express our strong support for GE bringing the planned manufacturing facility to Colorado. GE would find a fruitful partnership with the State of Colorado. As state and federal

collaboration can facilitate innovative economic opportunities such as GE's proposal, we stand ready to provide any additional help to attract this facility to Colorado. In particular, we would respectfully alert you to Governor Hickenlooper's Office of Economic Development and International Trade.

We hope to work closely with GE in the future as Colorado leads the nation's transition to a clean energy economy. We urge GE to bring the solar panel facility to Colorado.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
U.S. Senator

Mark Udall
U.S. Senator

John Hickenlooper
Governor



Diana DeGette
U.S. Representative



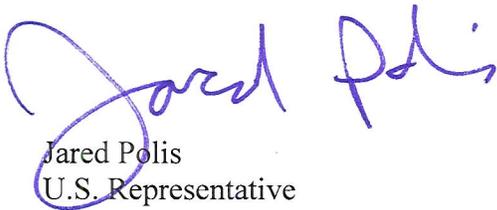
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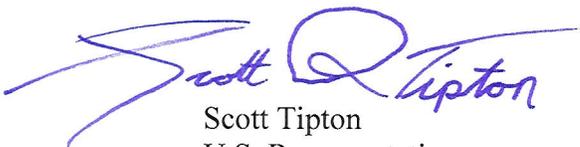
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Bruce Benson
President, University of Colorado

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Joe Blake
Chancellor, Colorado State University

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Bill Scoggins". The signature is highly stylized and cursive.

Dr. Bill Scoggins
President, Colorado School of Mines