



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

December 21, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: BrightSource Energy's Ivanpah Project Application for U.S. Department of Energy Loan Guarantee Program

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing to encourage your support of funding for the referenced project, which will bring much-needed economic investment into California.

As our nation's largest state, California is an economic powerhouse that accounts for more than 13 percent of the nation's GDP – which makes our 12.3 percent unemployment rate all the more challenging. Now is the time to invest in the people of California by investing in their long-neglected infrastructure. California has an impressive legacy of being at the forefront of innovation, and that is the kind of action that will help pull the United States out of this economic recession.

My administration is committed to using Recovery Act dollars efficiently and effectively. The people of California have identified ways we can work together in four key areas that will stabilize and expand our economy: investment in our infrastructure, energy security, stabilization of the housing market and assistance to meet the needs of the medically indigent.

I take great pride in recommending funding for high-quality projects in California. The investment will have no greater return for our nation than in the Golden State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

