

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

June 10, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
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Dear Secretary Chu:

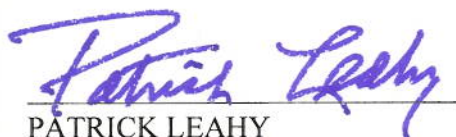
We are pleased to write in support of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Department of Energy Clean Cities grant application submitted by a consortium of organizations from the states of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. The application is an example of forward-thinking recovery attempts that will bolster our region's economy and help New England reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality from the Green Mountains of Vermont to the shores of Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island.

The Clean Cities organizations throughout these five states have brought together 30 organizations ranging from school districts and universities to cities and private businesses to create a proposal that would immediately get people back to work creating more than 140 jobs and reducing the use of nearly three quarters of a million gallons of petroleum annually. The approximately 80 alternative fuel vehicles and six new alternative fueling stations funded under this proposal would help reduce the production of tens of thousands of pounds of greenhouse gases and stimulate a new alternative fuel vehicle economy across New England.

This application spans different technologies, from electric vehicles, to compressed natural gas filling stations and vehicles, to hydrogen fuel vehicles. This varied approach will reduce our region's use of petroleum products to fuel vehicles and eliminate dirty vehicles from city vehicle fleets, town vehicle fleets and private sector vehicle fleets.

We appreciate your favorable consideration of this application. Should you have any questions about the application or the organizations submitting the application, please feel free to contact us directly.

Sincerely,



PATRICK LEAHY  
United States Senator



BERNARD SANDERS  
United States Senator

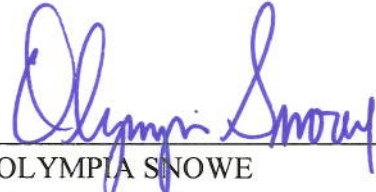
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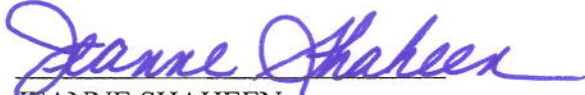
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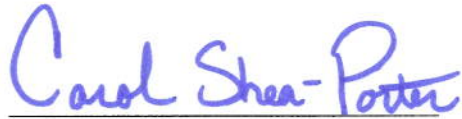
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