

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

July 17, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi;

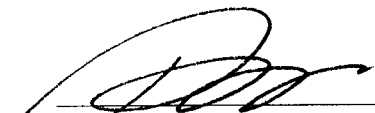
As new Members of Congress, we appreciate your efforts to reduce our nation's dependence on foreign oil and combat global climate change. Our election to Congress last fall was due in large part to our commitment to taking energy policy in a new direction. As energy legislation is considered this summer, we urge you to include a national mandatory Renewable Electricity Standard (RES).

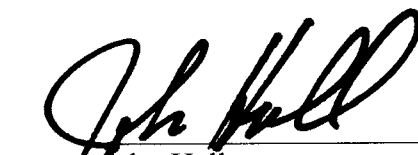
We strongly support requiring renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass to provide 20 percent of America's electricity by 2020. This provision is included in H.R. 969, legislation that has been introduced in the House by Representatives Udall (NM) and Platts.

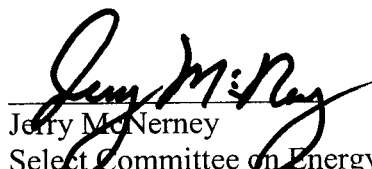
Increasing our use of renewable energy is critical to reducing global warming pollution, protecting our environment, and strengthening the economy. A 2006 analysis by U.S. PIRG found that, in conjunction with a global warming pollution cap, by obtaining 20 percent of our electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020, we could cut global warming pollution over 500 million tons, the equivalent of taking approximately 89 million cars off the road. A recent study by the Union of Concerned Scientists found that a requiring 20 percent of electric generation from renewable energy sources by the year 2020 would create over 355,000 new high-paying jobs and save consumers at least \$49 billion on their electric and natural gas bills.

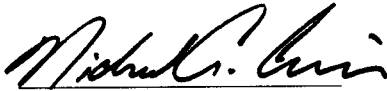
Twenty-three states and the District of Columbia have already enacted an RES. However, national legislation is critical to creating a uniform standard for the energy industry and creating new jobs in renewable electricity. As you work to develop energy legislation, we urge you to require a standard to increase our renewable electricity generation to 20 percent nationwide by 2020. Please consider our position as the House considers energy legislation this summer.

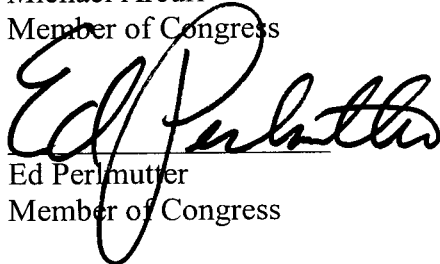
Sincerely,

  
Paul Hodes  
Member of Congress

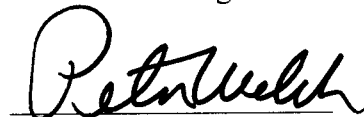
  
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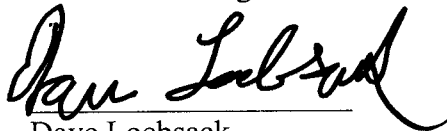
  
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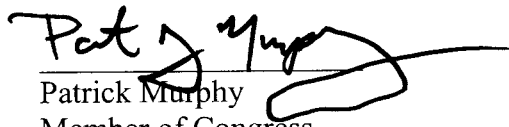
  
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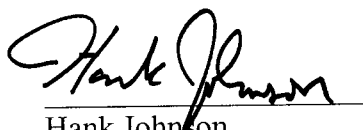
  
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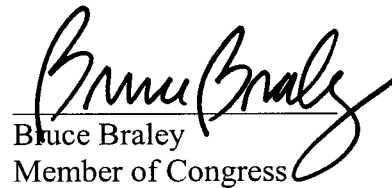
  
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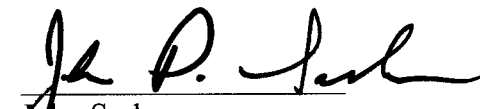
  
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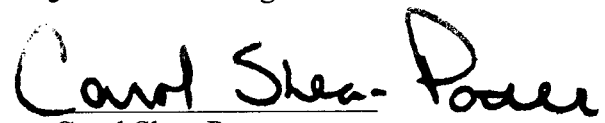
  
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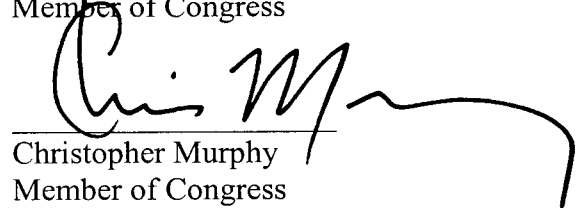
  
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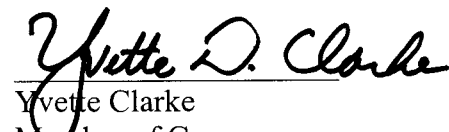
  
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