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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur Chair Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations 2362-B Rayburn House Office Building United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Simpson
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chair Marcy Kaptur and Ranking Member Mike Simpson:

As you work to finalize the fiscal year (FY) 2022 funding for the energy and water development appropriations bill, we write to express our support for significant funding of at least \$3.3 billion in FY 2022 (at least \$500 million (17.4 percent) increase above the FY 2021 enacted level) for the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and its critical programs that partner the federal government with industry, academia, and research facilities to secure America's energy future. We believe the work done at DOE EERE is critical to preserving our long-term safety and security.

The American people expect us to work together to set priorities and make smart, strategic decisions about federal funding. That is why funding for EERE must be a priority in FY 2022. EERE plays a key role in advancing America's "all of the above" energy strategy, leading a large network of researchers and other partners to deliver innovative technologies that will help make renewable electricity generation more cost-competitive with traditional sources of energy and create jobs right here in the United States. An over reliance on a limited range of fuel technologies and finite resources is shortsighted – our strength lays in our ability to transition to new, cleaner, more sustainable and more innovative sources of energy. We must invest to remain competitive, or we risk falling behind.

By providing at least \$3.3 billion in funding for EERE, Congress signals to our scientists and engineers at home and around the world that we are serious about rising to meet the growing demand for cheaper, more sustainable energy. This investment will help us continue to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy, enhance our competitiveness and create good American jobs well into the future. The United States should be leading the world in the search for better, safer, more affordable energy. For these reasons, we urge you to provide an investment of at least \$3.3 billion for EERE in FY 2022.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Eric Swalwell Member of Congress

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Support for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fiscal Year 2022 Signatories

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