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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 9, 2009

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

As the Department of Energy considers applications for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program's Retro-fit Ramp-up funding opportunity through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (DE-FOA-0000148), I would like to bring to your attention a proposal submitted by the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance.

The Greater Cincinnati Alliance is working with a broad collaboration to increase energy efficiency in all sectors of both the local and regional economy. The Greater Cincinnati Alliance's proposal seeks to build on the energy platform which already exists in the region, and expand on the ability to achieve the long-term goal of energy independence.

It is my hope that the wide range of technical expertise, and resources brought together to conduct this project will not only meet, but exceed its goals.

Please give serious consideration to The Greater Cincinnati Alliance's application for funding. I ask that you keep my office informed on the status of this application.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator

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