

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

August 9, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank you for your efforts to accelerate the commercial deployment of advanced clean energy technologies and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. We are writing to reaffirm support for the application submitted under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program more than one year ago by CODA Automotive and to request you provide the loan office any and all resources necessary in order to expedite this application.

The purpose of the ATVM program is to provide loans for manufacturers and suppliers to retool factories to build high-fuel economy vehicles and to incorporate new technology into vehicles. The trend towards increased national fuel economy standards provides long-term certainty that a robust domestic market for advanced cars and batteries will exist. It is vital that we take action now to meet this demand with American-made products.

CODA is a U.S.-based company engaged in the design and production of all-electric, zero-emission automobiles. CODA, with its affiliate Lio Energy Systems, is requesting an ATVM loan to establish a lithium-ion cell and battery pack manufacturing facility in central Ohio. This advanced manufacturing facility would strengthen America's capacity to engineer and produce the advanced technology vehicles we need to transition to a clean energy economy and reduce our dependence on imported oil.

Ohio is rapidly becoming a national leader in clean energy component manufacturing for the auto industry. This CODA facility would help build the critical mass to make even more progress in the future. The batteries made in Columbus will allow CODA's electric cars to travel up to 150 miles – the distance from Washington, DC to Philadelphia – without recharging. This is a truly innovative feat in clean energy technology, and one in which both Ohio and the country can take pride.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to provide the necessary resources to expedite CODA's application. We thank you for your continued work to ensure clean energy advancement in Ohio and across the United States.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator



Rob Portman  
United States Senator



Pat Tiberi  
Member of Congress



Steve Stivers  
Member of Congress



Steve Austria  
Member of Congress