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

Re: State Energy Program Assurances

Dear Secretary Chu:

As a condition of Kansas receiving its share of the \$3.1 billion funding for the State Energy Program (SEP) under the American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1)(ARRA), I am providing the following assurances:

- ◆ I have written to our public utility commission and requested that they consider additional actions to promote energy efficiency, consistent with the federal statutory language contained in H.R.1 and their obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates, while protecting the public.
- ◆ I have also written to the state legislature and requested that they consider actions to improve building energy codes and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

We are prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and expand programs where appropriate.

We are committed to advancing energy efficiency programs and renewable energy, as well as a balanced state energy policy. I want to assure you that we will move forward in these critical areas.

We look forward to immediate distribution of the federal SEP funds which will allow Kansas to make progress in these critical areas.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Sebelius". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Sebelius
Governor

cc: Gil Sperling, Director, Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs,
U.S. Department of Energy
Ray Hammarlund, State Energy Director
David Terry, Executive Director, National Association of State Energy Officials