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Representative John Boehner  Representative Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House  House Democratic Leader
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Washington, DC 20515  Washington, DC 20515

Representative Hal Rogers  Representative Norman Dicks
Chairman  Ranking Democratic Member
House Committee on Appropriations  House Committee on Appropriations
Capitol Building, H-307  Longworth House Office Building, 1016
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Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen  Representative Peter Visclosky
Chairman  Ranking Democratic Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  Subcommittee on Energy and Water and Development
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Dear Representatives Boehner, Pelosi, Rogers, Dicks, Frelinghuysen, and Visclosky:

As the Full House Committee on Appropriations considers funding for the FY2012 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, the undersigned organizations urge support for continuing funding for Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) at a level equal to at least the FY 2011 funding level of $180 million.

ARPA-E is conducting critical research necessary to ensure the nation’s future energy security. Modeled after the highly successful Defense Advanced Projects Research Agency (DARPA), ARPA-E supports “high-risk, high-reward” research that private industry does not sufficiently invest in, but which has the potential to drastically alter how we acquire energy in the future. ARPA-E is also helping to shape the next generation of energy researchers, attracting the nation’s best and brightest young minds to its opportunities. The enthusiasm for ARPA-E’s vision was clearly demonstrated when its inaugural funding opportunity announcement resulted in an unprecedented 3,600 applications.

Since 2009, ARPA-E has awarded $363 million in projects, and is currently funding more than 120 projects. At least six of these projects have leveraged $23.6 million in federal funding into more than $100 million in private capital investment. Stable and sustained funding at the FY11 level is critical to ensure ARPA-E’s continued success in ensuring U.S. competitiveness in the energy field and our nation’s future national security.

Sincerely,

A123 Systems, Inc.  Alloy Ventures
Advanced Technology Ventures  American Chemical Society
Americans for Energy Leadership
Amyris, Inc.
Applied Materials, Inc.
Arete Corporation
Arizona State University
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
ARCH Venture Partners
Aspen Aerogels, Inc.
Association of American Universities
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Baruch Future Ventures
Battery Ventures
BenFranklin Technology Partners of Southeastern PA
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Binghamton University
Birch Tree Capital
Bloom Energy
Boston University
Breakthrough Institute
California Clean Energy Fund (CalCEF)
California Institute of Technology
Calremont Creek Ventures
Canaan Partners
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont Creek Ventures
Clean Economy Network
Clean Energy Trust
Clean Energy Venture Group
Clemson University
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Columbia University
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Council for Chemical Research
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Flywheel Ventures
Foro Energy, Inc.
Free Flow Power Corporation
General Compression, Inc.
Georgia Institute of Technology
Global Energy Investors, LLC
Globespan Capital Partners
GM Global Business Unit
GMZ Energy
Graphene Energy
Greenough Communications
Harvard University
Harvest Power, Inc.
Highland Capital Partners
Industrial Research Institute
Infinia Corporation
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
Information Technology Industry Council
Innovation Works
Intel
Intermolecular, Inc.
Johns Hopkins University
Kent State University
Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers
Krell Institute
Levensohn Venture Partners
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Metal Oxygen Separation Technologies
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Millville Partners, Inc.
Mohr Davidow Ventures
National Council for Science and the Environment
National Venture Capital Association