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

Dear Secretary Chu,

I write in support of Taylor BioMass's application for funding through a loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy. This funding will be used for the construction of a new commercial-scale biomass gasification plant.

Taylor BioMass, which currently has recycling operations at its site in Montgomery, New York, has piloted the innovative biomass technology and garnered about \$27 million in private investment. They hope to play a part in the construction of a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future for New York.

The funding will be used to fulfill investment needs for the construction of Taylor BioMass' gasification power plant in the Hudson Valley. The completed facility is projected to create 24 MW of new renewable electricity generation capacity while diverting more than 140,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually. In turn, this will reduce greenhouse emissions relating to the long-distance transportation and disposal of these wastes at landfills. Construction of the facility would create at least 300 construction jobs while also retaining 30 current jobs and adding 85 full-time new employees at the site. It is vital that we invest in innovative energy solutions like this to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and ensure a stable energy future for the United States.

I ask that you please give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, or desire further information, please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Abe Hiatt at (202) 224-6500.

Sincerely,



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