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Dear Member of Congress:

The enclosed article from the June 5, 2009 issue of Science reports on the Department of Energy's proposal to eliminate funding for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and fuel cell market support in FY 2010 and the reasons to continue funding this important program.

Please read this short article, which concludes that removing hydrogen and fuel cells from the national energy portfolio may cause the emergent industry to pull back. That result "would leave [Energy Secretary] Chu in the position of supporting a policy that could significantly delay the potential climate and energy security benefits he believes alternative vehicles can deliver."

Today, fuel cells for stationary power generation, material handling equipment, bus and passenger vehicle fleets are allowing early adopters to save money and cut carbon emissions. We can continue to build upon this progress, but only if we preserve a national program focused on hydrogen infrastructure and early commercialization activities.

To that end, we urge the Congress to reject the Department's proposal, restore program funding to FY 2009 levels and, most importantly, assure that hydrogen and fuel cells remain a part of the national energy portfolio.

Sincerely,

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