

August 15, 2011

Honorable Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Salazar:

As business leaders and entrepreneurs in the clean energy economy, we seek your active support of our efforts to spur new economic growth and job creation in Arizona. The clean energy sector represents our greatest opportunity to restore a robust economy and regain prosperity. With your leadership, and in collaboration with other Tribal, federal, state, and private partners, we can identify solutions that both create local jobs while protecting our national treasures.

Arizona has some of the best clean energy resources in the nation but we are behind other states in harnessing new energy development. We need your personal engagement and guidance, Mr. Secretary, in order to identify and foster long-term policy solutions that work for all stakeholders and ensure a responsible transition to Arizona's clean energy future.

Already, your department has given the green light to beneficial new investments in solar and wind projects -- wisely done "right from the start" and without significant environmental conflicts -- on public lands in La Paz, Maricopa, and Mohave counties in Arizona. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you to develop additional new projects across the state that meet your goals to both build America's new energy future and protect our treasured landscapes.

We are ready to deploy our workforce, encourage business innovation, and promote U.S. leadership in 21st century clean technologies. We look forward to working with you to find solutions that will build the clean energy economy --and jobs of tomorrow-- here in Arizona.

Sincerely,

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