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Dr. Stephen Chu
United States Secretary of Energy

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Dear Dr. Chu:

We are writing on behalf of the millions of members and volunteers our organizations represent to express our thanks for your leadership in hosting an international Clean Energy Ministerial, July 19-20, 2010. We are pleased that the Department of Energy is pursuing this meeting to accelerate the transition to the 'clean energy revolution,' and would like to underscore the importance of this meeting and the global urgency to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

With Ministers and senior officials from 20 countries attending, the Ministerial event is a key opportunity to spur governments to act both individually and collectively to drive investments and policy change to accelerate the clean energy transition, and also to enhance cooperation in various political forums on climate change. The development of clean energy technology must be at the heart of confronting this formidable challenge. We strongly urge you and the U.S. Delegation you are leading to structure the dialogue so as **to ensure that initiatives emerging from the Clean Energy Ministerial prioritize deep emission cuts and impact market trends and global policies both immediately and over the long term.** Anything less will, simply put, fail to take full advantage of the political will and opportunity of the 21 delegations present at the meeting.

We strongly encourage the U.S. to facilitate a robust dialogue to overcome the many obstacles standing in the way of a global clean energy economy. At the heart of overcoming such barriers are firm government commitments and national policies, which will spur much greater investment in and deployment of the clean energy technologies needed to achieve deep emission reductions. Multinational policies and initiatives such as an oil savings target, firm targets for renewable energy production, clean technology procurement policies for governments, energy efficiency targets for utilities and buildings, and a country-wide commitment to report on progress being made towards the doubling of energy RD&D goals are just a few examples of what a successful Clean Energy Ministerial might facilitate. Your

leadership on this issue could compel countries to outdo each other in actions to accelerate the clean energy revolution.
While cooperation from the private sector is integral to this market transformation, we caution against using the Ministerial to simply spur voluntary action in the private sector. This would leave the door open to a scenario where only the lowest common denominator is agreed upon. Such voluntary actions are useful, but they are not significant enough to "accelerate deployment of clean energy technologies" fast enough to achieve the change in emissions trends we need for the climate. We also strongly advocate that the dialogue focus on renewable energy, as public resources are limited and should not be invested in risky and expensive industries that could have significant adverse environmental impacts. **The United States has committed to the world and to its own people that it will lead the way to a clean energy future, and as such we urge a high level of ambition for next week's ministerial meeting.**

Dr. Chu, we ask that you and President Obama lead the way by offering both an international Clean Energy Ministerial that raises that bar and meets the global challenge. We must begin the transition from a fossil-fuel economy to a clean, energy efficient economy as soon as possible. To do so, we need to accelerate deployment of efficient and renewable energy technologies and immediately begin transforming key sectors such as power and transportation. Together with a cap on greenhouse gas emissions, this will ensure that we meet our climate protection and energy independence objectives at the lowest cost, delivering jobs, security, and a healthier environment.

We thank you for your consideration of our views and for your continued commitment to tackling the urgent economic and environmental problem of climate change. We look forward to continue to work with you on this challenge.

Sincerely,

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