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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
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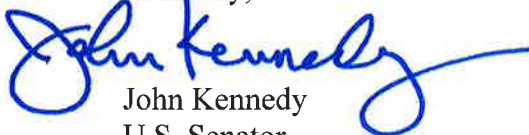
Dear Chairman Leahy,

As the Senate Appropriations Committee prepares for tomorrow's hearing titled *The American Jobs Plan: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Investing in Our Nation's Future*, I write to respectfully request that the Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm is included as a witness.

I understand the purpose of this hearing is to examine President Biden's \$2 trillion infrastructure package with witnesses from various federal departments slated to be present, including: the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the EPA, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Secretary Granholm is notably missing from this lineup. In Louisiana and many parts of America, infrastructure related to the broad swath of industries associated with energy is the main driver of jobs, prosperity and livelihoods.

I am confident the Energy and Water subcommittee will closely examine President Biden's infrastructure plan and this administration's call for spending hundreds of billions on climate, clean energy manufacturing and research, electric grid buildout, and electric vehicle incentives. Nevertheless, the Secretary of Energy's testimony in front of the full committee is certainly warranted. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Richard Shelby
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein