

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Michael Simpson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
Development and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Kaptur,

We are writing to request that the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee direct the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to fund research and development activities to improve the efficiency of gas turbines. Specifically, we request that the following language be added to the Energy and Water Development Appropriations report for fiscal year 2017:

“Within available funding, the Committee urges the Secretary of Energy to fund research and development activities to improve the efficiency of gas turbines used in power generation systems, working cooperatively with industry, small business, universities, and other appropriate parties.”

Today, gas turbines produce more than a quarter of our nation’s electricity. Approximately 84% of gas turbines are built by U.S. base manufactures and 200,000 direct and indirect jobs are tied to the industry. Unfortunately, the U.S. is at risk of losing its turbine market share as foreign competitors, with the backing of their governments, invest heavily in gas turbine research and development. Therefore, it is imperative that Congress and DOE supports improving the efficiency of U.S. gas turbines to help maintain jobs and our market share.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please contact Blake Deeley with Congressman McKinley’s office by email at blake.deeley@mail.house.gov or by phone at (202) 225-4172.

Sincerely,



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