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President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing today to express my continued support and enthusiasm for the use of Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) by the Federal government. I support your administration's \$2B performance contracting goal, and I commend the agencies for the more than \$500M of investment made toward that target. I encourage you to sustain the program and complete contracts for the remaining \$1.5B by the end of this year. The commitment of senior Administration officials has been vital for this effort, and I hope you will pursue a high level of federal investment in ESPCs beyond 2014.

Data center consolidation projects offer particularly high levels of energy savings, as well as monetary savings from improved operations and maintenance (O&M) characteristics of efficient equipment. It has come to my attention that OMB is currently holding up the award of one or more ESPCs that DOE has approved in this project category. I urge you to facilitate approval of these and future projects in a timely manner in order to ensure that momentum continues toward achieving the \$2B ESPC investment goal.

ESPCs are a good deal for the government. These projects save money by reducing the cost of energy and operations in federal buildings, and they do not require any outlay of funds. For these reasons, I urge you to support a robust ESPC program and to reduce administrative barriers to the use of these contracts. In this time of serious budget constraint, I intend to do all I can to work with you in maximizing the use of performance contracting.

Sincerely,



Chairman Ron Wyden

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