

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 27, 2022

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chair Feinstein,

We respectfully request that you support Presidential Determinations 2022-15 through 19, issued pursuant to Section 303 of the Defense Production Act (DPA), by including funding to the maximum extent possible in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

Manufacturing the components and building the supply chains to power the transition to a clean energy economy will protect America's national security, including averting the worst impacts of the climate crisis, while creating thousands of high-quality manufacturing jobs here in the United States. As the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent recovery have demonstrated, depending on foreign supplies chains for essential goods threatens America's economic and national security. Issuing these Presidential Determinations to "accelerate domestic production of clean energy technologies" is an important step towards achieving this future. The House FY 2023 Energy and Water appropriations bill proposes a significant, \$100 million, investment to meet this need.

As President Biden stated, a lack of domestic renewable energy manufacturing denies "consumers access to cost-cutting clean energy options, add(s) risks to our power grid, and stall(s) domestic clean energy construction projects that are critical to tackling the climate crisis." With these Presidential Determinations, President Biden provided the Department of Energy (DOE) with the authority to use the DPA to accelerate domestic production of key energy technologies including: solar; transformers and grid components; heat pumps; insulation; electrolyzers; fuel cells; and platinum group metals.

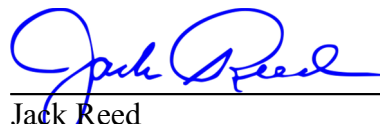
Not long ago the United States was the global leader in solar manufacturing but we have allowed China, which is investing heavily in its own manufacturing, to corner the market for solar modules and supply chain components. This has reduced American manufacturing capacity far below domestic solar demand, forcing us to rely on China for our solar needs, even as it is well documented that China is using unfair trade practices, including forced labor in parts of the country. The DPA can help American companies re-establish themselves as leaders in solar manufacturing, and other technologies, essential to the transition to clean energy but only if Congress provides DOE with adequate funds to utilize it.

We urge you to support President Biden’s Presidential Determinations by appropriating funds to the maximum extent possible in the FY 2023 Energy and Water Appropriations bill so that DOE can effectively utilize the authorities that have been delegated to it under the DPA.

Sincerely,



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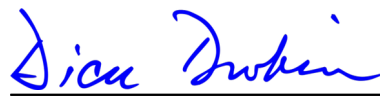
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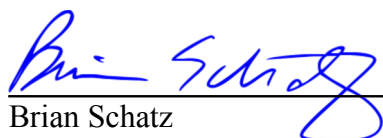
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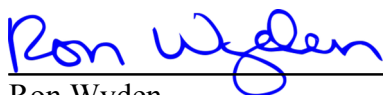
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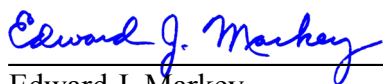
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