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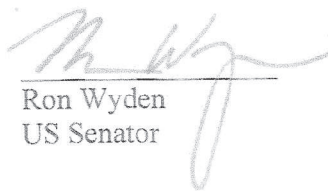
Dear Director Suresh,

I am writing in support of an application recently submitted to the National Science Foundation for an SBIR Phase I grant by Neal Energy Management.

Neal Energy Management is developing a unique thermal energy storage system for use in commercial and residential buildings that has the potential to significantly reduce daily peak energy use in such buildings. The electric generation and distribution system maintains a very large investment in capacity dedicated to meeting peak demand, an investment that adds to overall cost of electricity to both consumers and to U.S. economic competitiveness. If successful, the thermal storage technology that Neal Energy Management is proposing to develop with this grant could dramatically decrease peak energy use in buildings which now consume roughly 40% of all energy used in the United States.

I would appreciate your consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,



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