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The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Moniz,

I want to thank you for the Department of Energy's ("DOE") efforts to promote manufacturing competitiveness, job creation, and energy efficiency through the proposed Clean Energy Manufacturing Innovation Institute for Composites Materials and Structures. I would like to offer my support for the Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation ("IACMI") application, which includes the designation of Purdue University as a Center of Excellence that will focus on manufacturing simulation and product life-cycle management.

As you know, manufacturing plays a prominent role in Indiana's economy. The state's central location and transportation network positions Indiana as a leader in advanced manufacturing. The state of Indiana is home to manufacturing and research leaders in both the public and private sectors making Purdue University ideally positioned to help fulfill the research and development needs of the proposed manufacturing innovation institute.

The composites industry, in particular, is an example of leadership in research, innovation, and job creation. Purdue University's Center of Excellence will focus on manufacturing simulation and product recycling. The University's collaboration with private businesses and other research institutions will lead to innovative products and processes that will not only satisfy the needs of regional and national manufacturers, but also lead to sustainable market growth and job creation.

Thank you again for your leadership and emphasis on advanced manufacturing and energy efficiency. I am confident that with Purdue University's participation, the IACMI will yield a high return on investment by developing novel technologies that will enhance local, regional, and national manufacturing.

Sincerely,

Joe Donnelly

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