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The Honorable Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0002

Re: State Energy Program Assurances

Dear Secretary Chu:

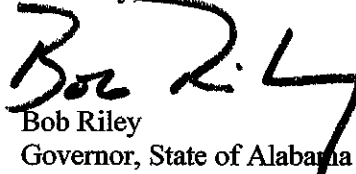
As a condition of receiving Alabama's share of the \$3.1 billion funding for the State Energy Program (SEP) under the American Recovery and Renewal Act of 2009 (H.R. 1) (ARRA), I am providing the following assurances. I will request that our public utility commission consider any additional actions that may be necessary to meet the standards set forth in the ARRA to promote energy efficiency, consistent with their obligations to maintain just and reasonable rates, while protecting the public. I will also request that the State Legislature consider actions to improve building energy codes, consistent with State law and State Constitutional requirements, and to consider the statutory language contained in ARRA.

We are prioritizing our energy investments to take advantage of existing programs and expand programs where appropriate.

Alabama is committed to a robust improvement in energy efficiency and renewable energy, as well as a balanced State energy policy. I want to assure you that, within the limits of my authority, we will move forward in these critical areas.

We look forward to immediate distribution of the Federal SEP funds to permit Alabama to make progress in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Sincerely,


Bob Riley
Governor, State of Alabama

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