

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 10, 2009

The Honorable Dr. Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

**SUBJECT: YARDNEY TECHNICAL PRODUCTS, INC., PAWCATUCK, CT.
ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLE BATTERY AND COMPONENT
MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE (DE-FOA-0000026)**

Dear Secretary Chu:

As strong proponents of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, we are pleased to support Yardney Technical Product, Inc's application for the Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative as administered by the U. S. Department of Energy.

Yardney will partner with CODA Automotive, Inc to establish a state-of-the-art 300,000 square foot manufacturing facility that would produce Li-ion automotive battery systems including approximately 9,000 34k Wh batteries for all electric vehicles. It is their goal to create a nucleus of potential future automotive assembly centers in the United States. Yardney estimates that this project will create over 650 new manufacturing jobs.

This project will bring together two highly successful companies to create a major U. S. Lithium Ion battery manufacturer. Yardney Technical Products, Inc has been a consistent and reliable supplier to the US military for over 65 years. Their Li-ion batteries have been used in the B-2 bomber, the Global Hawk UAV, the Mars Rover, and the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle.

Yardney will join together with CODA Automotive, Inc. which was founded to develop and produce the first all-electric, consumer-priced, 5-star-rated, 5 passenger sedan to be sold in the United States in 2010 and who is currently working with the US Navy, NASA, and the National Parks Service. This partnership will create a [\[SAA2\]](#) highly effective team to establish their objectives.

This grant proposal encompasses the intent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act by creating a significant number of new jobs, while supporting new construction of U.S. based manufacturing plants to produce batteries and electric drive components. We ask you to give the Yardney Technical Product, Inc. grant application full and fair consideration as provided under the law.

We would like to thank the National Energy Technology Laboratory and the U.S. Department of Energy for administering the Electric Drive Vehicle Battery and Component Manufacturing Initiative. We hope you will keep us updated on the status of Yardney Technical Product, Inc's application, and do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



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United States Senator



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United States Senator



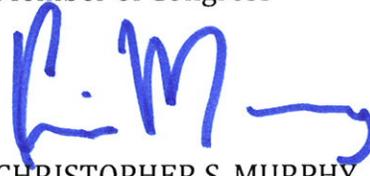
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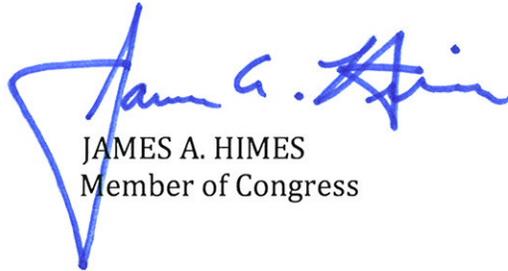
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