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RE: Landrieu Project No. 996411

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Dear Mr. Garza:

I am writing on behalf of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana, which has submitted a proposal to the Economic Development Administration for funding under the i6 Green Challenge Program under the EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program.

It is my pleasure to inform you of my support for the efforts of Louisiana Tech University and their regional partners to continue the work of building a strong base for economic growth in North Louisiana. I have worked closely with the leadership of Louisiana Tech University and others in the region to provide the key infrastructure that is essential for innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development. They have been very responsive to my calls for information and assistance in support of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship and various Small Business Administration programs. The i6 Green Challenge grant will provide essential support for them to build upon innovation infrastructure at Louisiana Tech and accelerate technology transfer from the university to commercialization partners throughout the region. As a member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, I have supported policies for energy security that are essential to America's economic health and to our national security. Louisiana Tech's proposal is drafted to strengthen the region by providing a Proof of Concept Center that will support technology product development, entrepreneurs, and small businesses or growing companies.

I trust that you will give Louisiana Tech University's application every appropriate consideration within applicable guidelines. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator

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