



October 20, 2009

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords  
United States House of Representatives  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

On behalf of BP Solar, I am writing to offer our support of H.R. 3585, the *Solar Technology Roadmap Act*.

Since 1973, BP Solar has been a leader in manufacturing, building and pioneering solar technology around the globe. BP Solar represents more than 2,000 employees worldwide with installations in over 160 countries. In the US, our Frederick, Maryland facility houses our state-of-the-art research and development arm as well as sections of our manufacturing division.

At BP Solar we have a proud tradition as a solar industry leader, investing in cutting edge research and development and teaming with government and higher education partners to develop the great advances in technology enabling us to transform more of the sun's energy into green electricity.

This legislation will support significant growth in the solar energy sector by providing the tools and resources necessary to advance the next generation of solar power. BP strongly supports expanding the large scale demonstration projects, which help maximize the benefits of solar technology.

The *Solar Technology Roadmap Act* is a critical step in furthering the development and deployment of new, cutting-edge solar technology that will provide efficient, economic, and low-carbon power solutions to the United States and across the globe. This bill will help the US be a great leader in solar power and renewable energy.

We applaud the Committee for recognizing the critical need for increased research and development funding in the solar energy sector. We look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reyad Fezzani", written over a horizontal line.

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