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Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords  
Chairwoman, Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee  
House Committee on Science and Technology  
2321 Rayburn Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Giffords:

On behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), I am writing to express support for H.R. 3585, The Solar Technology Roadmap Act of 2009. By way of background, the NAM is the nation's largest industrial trade association representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. The NAM is the nation's leading voice for the manufacturing economy, a sector that employs more than 13,500,000 Americans and generates \$1.6 trillion in Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

In order to get the economy back on track and assure the international competitiveness of the manufacturing sector, the NAM advocates a comprehensive and balanced energy policy that will ensure access to all available resources. Renewable energy, such as solar, is a vital component to meeting our nation's growing demand for energy. The ability to utilize and deliver these resources is a direct result of technology and equipment produced in the manufacturing sector. By supporting H.R. 3585, which authorizes the Department of Energy to establish a research roadmap and to prioritize funding to assist in commercializing new solar technologies, you can help assure creation of additional high wage manufacturing jobs in the U.S, as well as deployment of an important energy resource.

The NAM supports H.R. 3585 as a necessary step to diversifying our energy supply, which will result in job creation and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The NAM looks forward to working with Congress to ensure implementation of a forward-thinking and comprehensive energy strategy that will spur economic growth and enhance U.S. competitiveness during the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith W. McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" at the end.

Keith McCoy

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