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Mr. Joe Jefferis

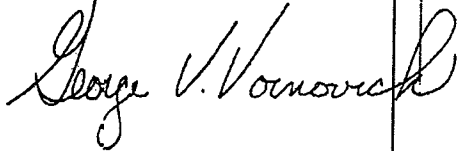
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Dear Joe:

Earlier this year you contacted my office regarding alternative energy. Subsequently, I contacted the Department of Energy, and they have now responded to my inquiry on your behalf. Enclosed is a copy of their response.

Thank you again for contacting me. As a fellow Ohioan, I genuinely appreciate hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me again regarding this or any other issue that concerns you.

Sincerely,



George V. Voinovich
United States Senator

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Department of Energy

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September 19, 2006

The Honorable George V. Voinovich
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Voinovich:

Thank you for your August 11, 2006, letter to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Joe Jefferis, regarding his interest in technologies on hydrogen production and the controlled use of hydrogen in an internal combustion engine.

Mr. Jefferis correspondence refers to several patents by Mr. Stanley Meyer. We have reviewed the patents and concur that the technologies described may be of value for the production and use of hydrogen.

There are several potential opportunities for funding support. One such source is the Department's Inventions and Innovation Program (I&I), which is designed to evaluate and support scientifically-accepted energy-related concepts and inventions. Selections for financial assistance under I&I are made on a competitive basis. Mr. Jefferis may visit the I&I website at www.eere.energy.gov/inventions for further program information and announcements for future solicitations.

Another possible source of support is DOE's Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR), which provides funds to support technical innovation, research, and development by small research companies. Mr. Jefferis may visit the SBIR website at <http://sbir.er.doe.gov/sbir> or call the SBIR hotline at (301) 903-5707 for further information.

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure Technologies Program (www.energy.eere.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells) periodically issues solicitations. Pending fiscal year 2007 congressional appropriations, this program is planning on issuing a solicitation in the next six months that would include a topic specific to hydrogen production through the use of electrolysis, a technology area relevant to Mr. Meyer's hydrogen production concept. Also, EERE's FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies Program (www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels) issues solicitations periodically. This program's efforts include the development of improved technology for vehicle internal combustion engines. Further information on DOE's Hydrogen and FreedomCAR Programs can be found on their respective websites.



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Mr. Jefferis may view additional potential DOE funding sources by visiting our e-Center website at <http://www.pr.doe.gov>. At this website, he can learn of solicitations that are active in any of our programs.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Christopher Guith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5337.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DER", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David E. Rodgers
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy