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Dear Representative:

On behalf of National Wildlife Federation's four million members and supporters, we urge you to pass a Continuing Resolution that does not make cuts to the Department of Energy's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program.

Established in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in 2008, the ATVM Loan Program has a track record of success. The program provides loans to establish or retool manufacturing facilities to ensure that the next generation of fuel efficient cars and trucks are built here in America – improving long term competitiveness and growth, while building jobs in communities hardest hit by the current economic downturn.

The program already has already saved and created more than 40,000 jobs. An equal number of additional jobs are expected to be created from new projects in the program's pipeline. Jobs created through the program also spur additional indirect jobs benefiting thousands of American households throughout the country.

Additionally, the ATVM Loan Program projects are highly effective clean energy investments. They help American industry innovate and build vehicles that sharply reduce our dependence on foreign oil and cut carbon pollution. In fact, as a result of ATVM projects, Americans will save 311 million gallons of fuel a year.

Providing much-needed disaster relief to impacted communities across the country and supporting our economic recovery are both essential. We urge you to pass a Fiscal Year 2012 Continuing Resolution that provides for disaster relief and also preserves funding for ATVM Loan Program.

Sincerely,

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