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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
25TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

October 5, 2016

The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Moniz,

I write to extend my strong support for an application for the Clean Energy Manufacturing Innovation Institute for Reducing Embodied-energy and Decreasing Emissions (REMADE), which was submitted by Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) on behalf of academic and industrial partners from around the country.

As you are fully aware, U.S. manufacturing contributes to 12 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) and supports 12 million jobs that are critical to our nation's global economic competitiveness. Having a highly efficient manufacturing sector that continues to maximize product output, while limiting energy and environmental impacts, is key to maintaining and expanding our current global economic position. We must support opportunities that encourage American ingenuity, which has underpinned our country's ability to thrive as one of the most innovative and productive countries in the world. A Department of Energy-led institute focused on sustainable manufacturing offers a unique opportunity to bring the brightest minds in academia, industry, and at the national labs together to bolster our position as a global leader in manufacturing innovation, while also driving economic growth, job creation, and U.S. competitiveness.

Led by RIT, a group of over one-hundred world-class research universities, national labs, and industrial partners have joined together to form the Sustainable Manufacturing Innovation Alliance (SMIA) to leverage the brightest minds and technical capabilities in sustainable manufacturing research, development and commercialization. With the strong support of its industry partners, SMIA's proposal has secured robust funding commitments greater than the one-to-one cost share ratio required. It is my belief that the SMIA proposal provides the Department the best chance to make a transformational investment to create an end-to-end integrated sustainable manufacturing ecosystem.

Your service to our country and commitment to our nation's manufacturing policy are deeply appreciated. I offer my strong support for the RIT-led application and thank you for your full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louise M. Slaughter".

Louise Slaughter