



National Association of  
State Energy Officials

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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
SD- 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6150

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Ranking Minority Member  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
U.S. Senate  
SD-304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510-6150

Re: Nomination of Ernest J. Moniz

Dear Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Murkowski:

On behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), we wanted to take this opportunity to strongly endorse the nomination of Dr. Ernie Moniz to serve as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy. We worked closely with Dr. Moniz when he was Under-Secretary of Energy during the Clinton Administration. He is obviously extraordinarily intelligent and is supportive of a balanced national energy policy. He fully understands the important role of research and development, but also demonstration and deployment. Having worked inside an Administration, he is not a novice in the ways of Washington, D.C., and would hit the ground running.

From a state perspective, he has shown a willingness to reach-out and understand the important role of states in advancing energy policy and in opening energy-related economic development opportunities with the private sector. In fact, his work with the private sector shows that he can work with all interested parties in the energy sphere. The work of the MIT Energy Initiative has been very positive. It has contributed to the advancement of energy programs and policies. He has been able to attract significant talent as well as a very strong management team. We would expect that his contributions in Washington, D.C. will be respected on both sides of the aisle, as they were previously. It is important for our country that the Department of Energy have a strong leader. Ernie Moniz fits that bill. We urge the Committee to move quickly and we strongly endorse Dr. Moniz' nomination.

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NASEO is composed of the state energy directors from all the states, territories and the District of Columbia. We support a balanced national energy policy.

We look forward to responding to any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Terry", with a large flourish extending from the bottom.

David Terry  
Executive Director

cc: State Energy Directors