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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Governor's Energy Office (GEO) mission is to lead Colorado to a New Energy Economy by advancing energy efficiency and renewable, clean energy resources. The New Energy Economy embraces energy conservation as an important component in our energy future, yet requires a broader mission to meet the goals of expanding renewable and clean energy resources and opportunities for the state's economy, environment and energy independence. The GEO recognizes the critical role it will play in charting Colorado's leading role in the provision of clean and renewable forms of energy. The GEO works with communities, utilities, private and public organizations, and individuals to promote renewable energy such as wind, solar, and geothermal, and energy efficiency technologies.

Colorado is considered a leader in renewable energy and energy efficiency nationally. Colorado recently passed HB 10-1001 that requires that 30 percent of electricity be generated from renewable sources by 2020. Bill 1365, passed by the House and Senate, requires investor-owned utilities to convert 50 percent of their coal-fired generation capacity to natural gas by 2017.

The GEO knows invVEST as a technologically and politically neutral nonprofit organization that enables Global Leadership through Massive Scale Sustainable Energy Initiatives. I applaud their stance to be technology impartial in supporting diverse forms of energy like Solar, Wind, Natural Gas, Nuclear, Clean Coal etc., as a pragmatic market cognizant and environment aware approach that will create jobs and sustain livelihoods for future generations. I also commend their focus on R&D and educational initiatives, emerging technology start up collaborations, as well as mature technology project implementation.

I strongly support invVEST's efforts as it undertakes a sustained program to advance sustainable energy initiatives that drive economic development and international collaboration between Colorado and India. To that end, we would be interested in starting a dialogue that will lead to a meaningful renewable energy partnership around policies between the State of Colorado and India through invVEST.

Sincerely,

Tom Plant
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