

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 18, 2023

Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

We write in support of the Midwest Alliance for Clean Hydrogen's (MachH2) proposal for the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Funding Opportunity under Section 40314 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

MachH2 is a multistate coalition of public and private entities representing every phase in the hydrogen value chain. The alliance includes a cross-section of carbon-free energy producers, clean energy developers, hydrogen technology providers, utilities, major manufacturers, national labs and leading hydrogen technology development and deployment institutions, world-class universities, and civic-minded organizations, among others.

With robust and well-established agricultural, manufacturing, and transportation infrastructure networks, a hydrogen hub in the Midwest offers opportunities to advance an unparalleled, comprehensive hydrogen ecosystem. As the state with the most abundant nuclear power facilities, a growing number of other carbon-free energy sources, and a commitment to achieving net-zero carbon emissions, Illinois is a prime state from which to maximize existing energy infrastructure for hydrogen. Illinois has been a leader in clean energy deployment, and we look forward to incorporating clean hydrogen into our resource mix.

The Midwest provides workforce opportunities in all areas of the hydrogen energy economy, including higher education and specialized workers. Illinois' premier colleges and universities stand ready to partner with hydrogen developers across the Midwest to develop the highly skilled workforce needed to power the emerging state, regional, and national hydrogen economy.

The MachH2 proposal provides a unique and comprehensive next step for the United States' hydrogen enterprise. We offer our full support of the proposal and ask that you give it your full and fair consideration.

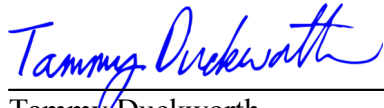
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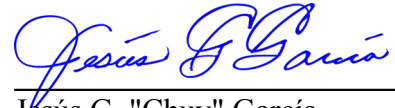
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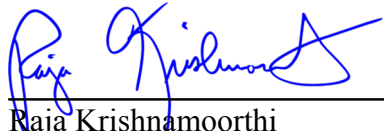
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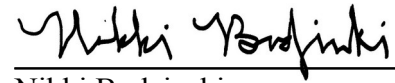
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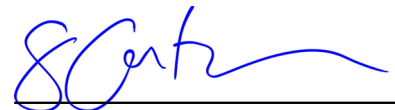
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