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Patricia A. Hoffman  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability  
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Dear Assistant Secretary Hoffman:

I write in support of the City of Boulder's application for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Resilient Electricity Delivery Infrastructure Initiative (DE-FOA-0001219).

The increasing severity of storm systems globally has hit Boulder hard – from the 2013 floods that spread across 200 miles and hit up to 17 inches of precipitation in places, to the deep freezes caused by colder winters and the regional drought attributed to increasingly warmer summers. The energy industry has played a critical role in ensuring the safety and comfort of communities so heavily impacted by changes in climate. Through a commitment to better electricity resiliency and reliability, the industry has emerged as a key player to Colorado's economic health.

Colorado energy providers and municipal governments have come together in their commitment to renewable energy resources and the adoption of climate action plans, to improve quality of life and increase resiliency and dependability of our power sources in times of disaster. The activities proposed in the City of Boulder's application for DOE's Resilient Electricity Delivery Infrastructure Initiative will help advance these state and local endeavors. The goal of the project is to demonstrate that the integration of solar photovoltaic battery storage, and DC building distribution can cost effectively improve climate preparedness and improve resiliency of the electric infrastructure.

The City of Boulder has identified three potential locations (a waste water treatment facility, the hospital, and an affordable housing development) of which one will be selected as the primary site for this project. Grant funding would go toward implementation and deployment of the integrated solar photovoltaic, battery storage, and DC building distribution system on the selected site.

I ask that you alert me to any development surrounding this application and, under all applicable rules and regulations, give the City of Boulder's application full and fair consideration. Please contact Jennifer George-Nichol ([Jennifer.george-nichol@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jennifer.george-nichol@mail.house.gov)) in my office with any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress