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The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bingaman:

On behalf of the 210,000 U.S. members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE-USA), I thank you for your efforts, as a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, to craft legislation to reduce U.S. demand for foreign oil and to develop new technologies that can help assure adequate, reliable, economical, and environmentally responsible energy resources.

We believe that energy is central to three of the most important challenges facing our nation today: prosperity, security, and the environment. Many of the issues that you as an energy policy maker must consider fall within the discipline of electrical engineering. We therefore offer you the diverse expertise of our members, as a resource, as you continue to formulate public policy on energy.

Our recent *National Energy Policy Recommendations* accompany this letter. They represent the consensus of a large committee of experts from industry, academia, and the government who share a common expertise in the field of energy, but represent a wide range of viewpoints. We believe that these are perhaps the most comprehensive set of energy policy recommendations yet presented and we look forward to working with you and other members of Congress on this important issue.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Bill Williams, Senior Legislative Representative, IEEE-USA Technology Policy Activities, at 202-785-0017 ext. 8331.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gordon W. Day".