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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
U.S. House Speaker  
235 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hastert:

On behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA), I am writing to express support for the text of the Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Act of 2006 (H.R. 5538), which was included in the Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2006 (H.R.5656) as reported by the House Science Committee. We urge the leaders of the House of Representatives to pass this legislation at the earliest convenience to ensure passage in Congress before adjournment.

We are encouraged to see Congress taking pro-active steps to encourage the development and implementation of alternative energy resources designed to wean the United States from its perilous dependence on foreign oil. As part of a comprehensive alternative energy package, Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) will prove to have definite benefits to society, including increased fuel diversity and security and reduced emission at the point of consumption resulting in considerably lower overall emissions. To help make these vehicles more practical, we support additional research on the topic by all parties: private research, institutional research, and government sponsored research. Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle Act language will promote research and development and establish a competitive Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle pilot program designed to demonstrate the economic and technical feasibility of the vehicles. IEEE-USA strongly supports these goals.

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Sincerely,



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