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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm Secretary of Energy U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., Southwest Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

I am writing to you today to express my support for hydrogen development and emphasize the importance of Houston being chosen as one of the Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs through the Department of Energy. As the Member of Congress representing the 29th District of Texas, which includes the majority of the Houston Ship Chanel, I am confident that the establishment of a hydrogen hub in this region will bring significant benefits to industry, academia, and the community at large.

Houston has long been a hub for the oil and gas industry. However, in recent years, we have also seen a growing interest in clean energy sources, such as hydrogen. The establishment of a Hydrogen Hub in Houston would not only diversify our energy portfolio, but it would also create new jobs and economic opportunities for our region. We are already seeing facilities on the Houston Ship Chanel begin to transition and we must support them in these efforts and protect jobs that have established a thriving middle class in Houston. Good, union jobs will be available with the establishment of a hydrogen hub, which we know is a priority for this administration.

Houston is the energy capital of the world. We have the best and the brightest when it comes to industry, community partners, workforce, and academic institutions. Additionally, all levels of government support the energy sector, which will provide support to the hub as needed. To put it simply, Houston is the ideal location, there is no competition.

Thank you for your consideration of Houston and I welcome you to visit again and see firsthand why Houston is the best choice. If I can be of any further assistance on this matter please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff- District, Chris McCarthy, at <u>chris.mccarthy@mail.house.gov</u>

Sincerely, Bost.

Sylvia R. Garcia Member of Congress