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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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August 30, 2024
The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

Please accept this letter of support for Mitsubishi Electric Power Products Inc.'s application for the Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit (48C) Program, administered through The Department of Energy in concert with The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service. This application seeks funding to build a new Southwestern Pennsylvania facility that will double their current production of state-of-the-art advanced switchgear that is urgently needed for the electric grid.

Since 1985, Mitsubishi Electric Power Products Inc. (MEPPI), has been a manufacturer of critical energy infrastructure for many large utilities across the United States, Canada, and certain overseas markets. Not only is MEPPI's headquarters located in Pennsylvania's 17th Congressional District, Warrendale, but MEPPI also employs nearly 1,200 employees across Pennsylvania and other U.S. locations. As utilities seek to increase electric reliability, meet carbon neutrality objectives, and incorporate historic amounts of renewable energy into the grid, U.S. based suppliers of critical energy infrastructure, like MEPPI, have been challenged to meet significant demand for high voltage and critical power solutions. The increased demand on MEPPI products has led to long lead times for critical energy switchgear products.

The Qualifying Advanced Energy Product Credit (48C) Program would allow MEPPI to create an advanced switchgear facility designed to transition production from gas circuit breakers to vacuum circuit breakers. This change in technology from SF6 gas to vacuum, will help MEPPI's U.S. electric utility customers in their pursuit of carbon neutrality objectives and greatly benefit the environment. This program is a crucial tool to building MEPPI's manufacturing capacity to make the U.S. a leader in energy technology production and to meet national energy security and decarbonization goals. Excitingly, this new facility is intended to be located in New Galilee, Beaver County, PA. Given the many benefits to the environment and our constituents, we respectfully request that you support MEPPI's application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions regarding this funding request.

Very Respectfully,

Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress