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Select Committee on  
Energy Independence and Global Warming  
U.S. House of Representatives

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The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

Congratulations on your recent appointment and confirmation. I look forward to working with you in the coming years. As you know, you have come to the Department of Energy (DOE) at a critical time, not only for our Nation's energy policy, but for our economic policy as well. You will undoubtedly play a critical role in the future of both, and perhaps more importantly, the relationship between them.

I recently read that you had formed an advisory group to aid with the rapid and efficient spending of \$40 billion in stimulus funds that Congress allotted to DOE. *Greenwire* reported that Matt Rogers, the former director at McKinsey & Co.'s San Francisco office, would lead this team.

While stimulus funds can have their greatest effect if they are spent quickly, the need to spend unprecedented amounts of money as quickly as possible presents unique possibilities of waste and abuse. As the Ranking Republican Member on the House Select Committee of Energy Independence and Global Warming, charged with oversight of policies to achieve emissions reductions, I would appreciate as much detail of the process as you can provide. Specifically, I am interested in how the money is to be spent, what process will be used to make these determinations, and who will serve under Mr. Rogers on DOE's advisory team.

While I recognize the time constraints that Mr. Rogers is under, I would also appreciate if he or someone from his team could provide a briefing for my staff.

Given the focus on immediate action, I hope to have these briefings as soon as possible. Please contact Bart Forsyth, Chief Counsel, at (202) 225-0155 to arrange the briefings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.  
Member of Congress  
Ranking Member, House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming