

March 21, 2016

The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We share your view that carbon capture and storage (CCS) is an important climate change abatement technology to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from both the industrial and power sectors.

One CCS project, Summit's proposed Texas Clean Energy Project (TCEP), is especially important, and we would like it to succeed. TCEP will capture 90% of its CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, storing them deep underground through enhanced oil recovery. The \$2.5 billion plant will involve significant participation from Chinese companies, opening up new paths to promote U.S.-China cooperation on climate change solutions.

We are informed that the Department of Energy (DOE) does not want to make additional advances to TCEP from its Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) contract. We would like to better understand the reasons for this position. We agree that DOE needs to exercise care in managing taxpayer support dollars but it would be unfortunate if the project fails, both for the loss of the substantial taxpayer dollars already provided to the project and for the loss of an important opportunity to add a significant project employing a high level of carbon capture for power and chemical processes.

We urge DOE to work closely with Summit to resolve any differences concerning the best path to bring this project to completion.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,



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