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Chairmen Upton and Stearns:

As yesterday's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing regarding the Solyndra Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee illustrated, the question of which government officials knew of or influenced the decision to provide the company with a \$535 million loan guarantee has reached all levels of the federal government.

Based on the testimony and answers given by DOE loan program office executive director Jonathan Silver and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Deputy Director Jeffrey Zients, it is clear that Secretary Steven Chu and Director Jacob Lew must be brought before the committee to account for their knowledge of the process that led to the issuing of the loan guarantee and subsequent refinancing to Solyndra.

Further, answers given by both Deputy Director Zients and Mr. Silver made clear that the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy, at the time led by Carol Browner, kept a close eye on the process, and potentially unduly influenced the outcome. It is imperative that Ms. Browner be brought before the committee as well to answer substantive questions regarding her role in this process.

I look forward to working with both of you as this investigation continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M C Burgess".

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