

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 6, 2024

The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretaries Yellen and Granholm:

I write in support of the application submitted by Mack Trucks for the qualifying advanced energy project tax credit under Section 48C of the Internal Revenue Code. I urge you to give this application full and fair consideration.

The 48C program was reauthorized in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in order to help strengthen and expand the U.S. industrial base to compete in the 21st century, especially in the production of clean energy equipment, critical minerals, and industrial decarbonization. This program is a crucial tool to build our manufacturing capacity to make the US a leader in energy technology production and to meet our national energy security and decarbonization goals.

Mack Trucks is one of North America's largest manufacturers of medium-duty trucks, heavy-duty trucks, proprietary engines, and transmissions and is part of the Volvo Group, a global leader in the manufacturing of trucks, buses, construction equipment, marine, and industrial engines. Mack tells me every heavy-duty class eight Mack truck built for the North American market is assembled at its Mack Lehigh Valley Operations facility in Macungie, PA.

Mack Trucks explains that these tax credits would support the plant's transition to zero emission vehicle (ZEV) production and the company goal to be fossil fuel free by 2040. I am informed that the \$8.7 million investment would support the creation of a mixed model assembly line at the Lehigh Valley Operations and future transition of conventional diesel trucks to battery electric versions. I understand that this would enable Mack to quickly scale its production of ZEVs as demand for its class eight electric trucks increases.

I am informed that the award of this tax credit will provide Mack Trucks with the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 191 million tons over the next 20 years. The conversion of diesel to battery electric trucks is exactly the kind of advanced energy manufacturing that the IRA was meant to build out.

Mack Trucks has explained to me that this project and application is strongly supported by their over 2,000 United Autoworkers. Mack Trucks's transition to zero emissions vehicle production in Allentown, Pennsylvania is aligned with the intent of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022,

which I supported, to create clean energy jobs, reduce carbon emissions, and build U.S. leadership in clean manufacturing.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Casey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator