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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear Secretary Granholm:

It is my understanding that Volvo Group North America, which has a facility in Macungie, Pennsylvania, has applied for a grant from the Department of Energy's SuperTruck III program. The purpose of this letter is to urge you to give full and fair consideration to this proposal.

Volvo Group's participation in SuperTruck 3 builds on the company's success with the SuperTruck I and SuperTruck II programs that supported and brought to market the development of advanced efficiency technologies in Volvo and Mack Trucks. The Volvo Group's participation in the SuperTruck 3 program will spur development of innovating heavy-duty truck zero-emission technologies to meet the SuperTruck 3's stated goals. Currently, the Volvo Group has two U.S. zero-emission products currently available in the U.S. market with the Volvo VNR electric and the Mack LR electric, with the latter being built in Macungie, PA.

The Volvo Group has committed to the ambition goals of the Paris Agreement to have net-zero emissions by 2050. The greatest impact in global emissions reduction will be the shift to zero emissions vehicles. By 2030, the Group will sell at least 35 percent fully electric vehicles and by 2040 hope to only sell 100 percent fossil free vehicles to be carbon-dioxide-neutral by 2050.

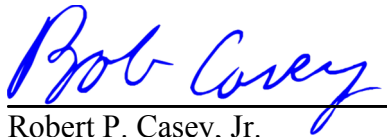
Given Volvo Group's leadership, infrastructure, and expertise in truck design and manufacturing, it is poised to foster further electromobility innovation for the future Class 8 trucks. Continuing to build on the net-zero emissions innovations will allow the U.S. to be a leader in development and commercialization of electromobility transport solutions.

Volvo Group currently employs over 12,700 people in the United States, including nearly 4,000 in Pennsylvania. This program is projected to have the additional benefit of increasing sales volumes and decreasing technology prices, which will help to support these jobs and create additional jobs for potential Volvo Group partners.

Thank you in advance for the consideration of my views. Please include this letter in the official record of the application. Consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, I also

respectfully request that you keep me informed of the status of this grant application. Finally, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 224-6851.

Sincerely,


Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator