

United States Senate

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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20585-0001

Dear Secretary Granholm,

I write today in support of Microporous's grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Energy Manufacturing and Recycling Grant Program to assist with Project Stellar.

Microporous has a long history of producing high-quality battery separators in the U.S. and Europe for the global lead acid battery market. As a top-three lead acid battery separator manufacturer worldwide, it is my understanding that the company is well positioned to be a leading domestic lithium-ion battery separator manufacturer that will support the rapidly expanding U.S. lithium-ion battery market.

Project Stellar is a growth plan for the company consisting of two parts: Big Dipper and Little Dipper. The establishment of these facilities would help revitalize areas of the Commonwealth that have suffered long-term economic consequences caused by the closure of coal mines and coal-fired power plants. In addition, the project will lead to the creation of good-paying jobs in these communities with above-average wages while addressing equity and environmental justice concerns.

I understand that Microporous's Project Stellar would increase the U.S. manufacturing base and contribute to economic prosperity in these Virginia communities. I ask that you give this proposal every appropriate consideration. To the extent possible, please continue to update my office on the status of this grant by emailing GrantSupport_Warner@warner.senate.gov.

Thank you for your service on behalf of my constituents.

Sincerely,



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