

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3302

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

We write regarding Forge Battery's (FB) application to the Department of Energy's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing funding opportunity (DE-FOA-0003099). This project will scale production capacity at Forge Battery's lithium-ion battery manufacturing facility in Morrisville, North Carolina.

Forge Battery's manufacturing facility will produce high-capacity lithium-ion cylindrical cells to meet a growing market demand for a variety of applications, including specialty electric vehicles, micro-mobility, aviation, defense, electronics, and more. Through this project, FB will leverage domestically-produced materials to help establish an American battery materials and technology supply chain.

As part of this project, FB has already engaged with the local community and says it intends to establish a workforce development program with a nearby community college to help build a pipeline of next-generation energy professionals. In addition, the company has indicated that it plans to allocate \$5 million through its community benefits plan to address critical service gaps in disadvantaged communities in the region.

For these reasons, we urge your full and fair consideration, within all applicable rules of regulations, of Forge Battery's (FB) application to the Department of Energy's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing funding opportunity (DE-FOA-0003099). Please do not hesitate to contact our offices for additional information about the project.

Very truly yours,



Deborah K. Ross
Member of Congress



Thom Tillis
United States Senator



Ted Budd
United States Senator



Richard Hudson
Member of Congress