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The Honorable Timothy Geithner  
Secretary  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to request an immediate suspension of the application submitted by Ocotillo Express LLC for payments under Section 1603 for the Ocotillo Wind Energy Facility until it is reconsidered and further reviewed by your office.

Pattern Energy, through Ocotillo Express LLC, is attempting to induce over \$300 million in federal funding for a wind energy project in an area with insufficient wind resources to satisfy programmatic eligibility for wind development. The wind speeds for this project area do not measure up. This project fails to meet minimum standards for long-term utility scale wind energy development.

It is paramount that the Department of the Treasury conducts a thorough review of the Section 1603 grant application and other supporting documentation relative to the number of jobs estimated to be created or retained by the project, costs allocable to specified energy components in order to maximize a grant award, and the energy generation claims made by Pattern Energy.

I would appreciate your kind attention and consideration to this matter and look forward to your timely response. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to call me or Tony Cruz of my staff at (619) 422-5963.

*Mr. Secretary:  
This would be  
another embarrassment  
to the  
Administration!*

Sincerely,

BOB FILNER  
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