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Donald Gilligan
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Dear Mr. Gilligan:

I hope this letter finds your new year off to a great start.

I write to thank you for the National Association of Energy Service Companies' help in creating the new "Green Jobs" workforce training program that was recently signed into law. NAESCO's feedback, interest, support, and advocacy were integral to our success in getting the program into statute.

This program has tremendous national appeal and I continue to be amazed by the interest of so many Americans in "Green Collar Jobs" as a way to both respond to our energy challenges as well as to address the economic uncertainty currently gripping the nation. Now that the language is law there is much celebrating to be done; however, we still have a long road ahead of us to make the program a reality — namely the task of finding funding. In such a tight budget environment, this will be no easy task, so we must work together.

I want you to know that I will be making funding for this program a priority and I ask for your commitment to work with me on this important effort. My office will be in touch to follow up with you on how best we can coordinate our efforts.

Again, let me express my sincere appreciation for your help in making "Green Jobs" a reality. Do not hesitate to contact me, or my staff member Jessica Maher, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



BERNARD SANDERS
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