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SUBJECT: 2024 Energy Exchange Training Workshop Support Letter

The velocity and variety of global threats continues to evolve, and we must anticipate attacks and mitigate risks to our critical infrastructure. The homeland is no longer a sanctuary, and maintaining secure access to energy resources is critical to the Department of Defense's (DoD's) execution of its mission. In addition, we must include climate considerations as an essential element of our national security, assess the impacts of climate change on our operations and infrastructure, and lead by example in the use of climate-friendly technologies.

The DoD is dependent on its installation energy professionals to ensure our military bases are energy and climate resilient. It is imperative for this critical workforce to receive continuous and relevant training to enhance existing knowledge and skills.

For these reasons, I strongly support and encourage DoD Component energy professionals to attend the Department of Energy (DOE)-sponsored 2024 Energy Exchange training workshop, in Pittsburgh, PA, from March 26-28, 2024. My office is working closely with DOE to ensure this year's event is closely aligned with the DoD's priorities and meets the training needs of our installation energy professionals. This year's Energy Exchange training workshop will address the latest developments in energy resilience planning and execution, decarbonization and sustainability, energy efficient and distributed generation technologies, third-party financing, facility-related control systems, cybersecurity, and more.

Since DoD has the largest pool of Federal energy professionals, strong participation from DoD personnel can help make this event even more effective. I strongly encourage each Component to use this valuable opportunity for training and continuing education credits by supporting and approving attendance of energy professionals throughout your organization.

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