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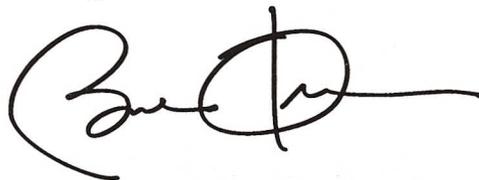
Dear Friend:

Thank you for sending me materials to review. I appreciate hearing from you.

I am encouraged by the outpouring of messages and suggestions from Americans across the country. Some comments are supportive, others are critical, but all reflect the desire of Americans to participate in a dialogue about our common concerns and challenges. To learn more about my Administration's agenda, please visit: www.WhiteHouse.gov.

Thank you again for contacting me and for your continued participation.

Sincerely,

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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

Mr. Charley Williams
P.O. Box 7035
Ketchum, Idaho 83340

Dear Mr. Williams:

The U.S. Department of Energy (the Department) recently received a copy of your July 13, 2009, letter to President Barack Obama regarding The Bridges community, located in Lincoln, Nebraska. The President has asked the Department to respond on his behalf.

The White House and the Department are encouraged by your efforts, and those of The Bridges community, to promote the use of sustainable and energy efficient building technologies, including geothermal heating and cooling systems. Geothermal heat pump (GHP) technology offers enormous promise to reduce building sector energy consumption and attendant environmental emissions. The Department is a strong proponent of this highly-efficient space conditioning technology. To see descriptions of recently funded GHP projects go to http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/projects/technology_listing.cfm?TechnologyID=73.

The Department is currently developing a GHP roadmap and would be interested in hearing about the experiences of The Bridges community and incorporating them into our study. Mr. Tom Williams, the lead researcher on the project at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, or a staff member from The Department's Geothermal Technologies Program, will contact you to learn more about The Bridges.

The Office of Geothermal Technologies Program (GTP) appreciates your interest in DOE's efforts to foster greater marketplace adoption of geothermal technologies. If you require additional information, please feel free to send your questions or comments to the GTP email address geothennal@ee.doe.gov, or office at (202) 287-1818.

Sincerely,

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Edward J. Wall
Program Manager
Office of Geothermal Technologies
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

