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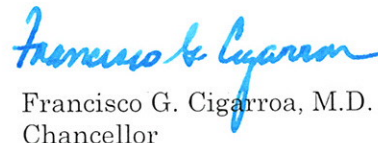
Mr. John D. White
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Dear Mr. White:

Since initial developments in connection with wind energy in 2004, The University of Texas System has embraced the concept of a public-private partnership to advance the potential for this energy source across the State of Texas. In 2007, we supported the successful collaboration throughout the state to win a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory for a large blade testing and certification facility in Texas. That collaboration produced the Wind Alliance, which we supported through planning and development as well. We see the merits of the overarching strategy and structure for collaboration that have evolved as the Wind Alliance and recognize that our many independent capabilities, programs, and faculty skills can be leveraged by working with, and through, the Alliance and its large and diverse membership.

We subscribe to the Alliance's focus on critical success factors and its broadening from the base in Texas to a coalition with the other 11 wind corridor states. Such a clear focus and broadened base for collaboration will be vital to the nation's efforts to bring to fruition the bold, but achievable, objective of 25 percent renewables in commercial power production by 2025. Together with our academic colleagues across the wind corridor states, we can work very effectively in the coalition of public and private organizations spanned by Alliance membership. Further, we applaud the role of the Alliance in making the expansive case first for infrastructure facilities investments and then for program funding necessary to realize this goal. We at The University of Texas are committed to assist as appropriate in the collective Wind Alliance membership initiative to formulate and execute joint industry/university programs that are essential to the commercialization of technologies and creation of the workforce to implement those technologies at the pace required to deliver the goal of 2025.

With great respect,


Francisco G. Cigarroa, M.D.
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