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The Honorable Doug Burgum
Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Burgum:

On behalf of the Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA), I am honored to extend an invitation for you to join the CEBA Board of Directors and leadership team for a cocktail reception and/or dinner on March 5, 2025 at 5:00 PM (cocktails) or 6:30 PM (dinner). The event will be held at Dauphine's restaurant in Washington, DC.

CEBA's more than 400 members comprise one-fifth of the Fortune 500, represent more than \$22 trillion in market capitalization, and include institutional energy customers of every type and size – hydrocarbon developers, heavy industrials, hyper-scalers, advanced manufacturers, major agricultural producers, consumer brands, and enormous retailers. Our members are committed to unlocking new market opportunities to bring firm carbon-emissions free resources to scale to serve growing needs.

This reception and dinner will bring together our [board members](#) who include many of the largest electricity buyers in the country for a dialogue and collaboration on planning for load growth for energy security and energy abundance to support the 21st century industries of America.

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We have been highly impressed by your thoughtful, strategic approach to driving an energy abundance agenda. Your presence and insights would be invaluable, and we would be privileged to host you as our esteemed guest. We hope this evening will provide a meaningful, closed-door opportunity to exchange ideas and hear first-hand from CEBA's member companies on how we can collectively work to expand critical industries and economic opportunity in the U.S.

We kindly request your confirmation by February 19, 2025. Please feel free to reach out to Nidhi Thakar, SVP Policy, at nthakar@cebayers for any additional details or questions.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us and look forward to the opportunity to welcome you in person.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rich Powell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rich" and last name "Powell" clearly distinguishable.

Rich Powell

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