

**THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RENEWABLE ENERGY
AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

January 20, 2015

Honorable Penny Pritzker
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Pritzker and Secretary Moniz:

On behalf of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (Committee), we provide the following recommendation regarding trade reciprocity for your joint April 2015 Business Development Mission to China, focused on Smart Cities and Smart Growth. As you have recognized, this mission seeks to deepen U.S.-China cooperation to promote a low-carbon economy by expanding U.S. company exports to China and helping to facilitate their involvement in Smart City planning and deployment of cutting-edge clean energy technologies. The Committee greatly appreciates your efforts to promote U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency exports to China.

Importantly, this trade mission provides an opportunity to not only grow U.S. exports to China but also establish a foundation for long-term, reciprocal trade in renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services between our countries. U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman recently stated that U.S.-China collaboration on climate change must recognize the interests of both countries to grow world class renewable energy and energy efficiency industries. We agree.

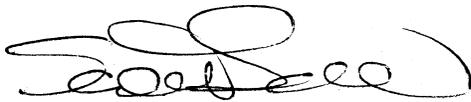
To be truly sustainable, U.S.-China collaboration on climate change and related trade in renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services must be a two-way street—public support for international trade is often contingent upon reciprocal market access with trading partners.

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With the foregoing in mind, and recognizing that we are in the early stages of growth for the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries, there is an important opportunity to establish foundational principles regarding U.S.-China trade in related products and services. Accordingly, the Committee respectfully requests that during the course of your trade mission you (i) make clear that, while implied, reciprocal trade - where both parties mutually benefit from interchangeable roles as buyers and sellers - should be explicitly identified as a foundational principle of U.S.-China collaboration on climate change mitigation and trade in renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services, and (ii) commence efforts to obtain an acknowledgement from China. We also respectfully request the opportunity to be briefed on the trade mission outcomes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Sklar", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Scott Sklar
Chair
Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee