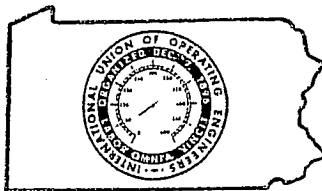


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March 1, 2007

Kathleen A. McGinty, Secretary
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Dear Secretary:

I was in attendance for your speech at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall earlier this month which compelled me to write this letter in support of Governor Rendell's Energy Independence Strategy.

The smart metering and time of use rates is a fantastic initiative that will deliver huge savings to our employers through the proper management of our energy consumption.

As you know, we are in the process of installing a solar panel for our training site which will also serve as an instructional device for our members, so I was pleased to see the "Sunshine Grant and Rebate Program" included as well.

On behalf of each and every member of the International union of Operating Engineers in the State of Pennsylvania, I want to thank and congratulate you and the Governor for the concise and intuitive measures that will bring Energy Independence and economic security to our state. The venture capital grants and clean energy projects will provide good paying jobs in construction and maintenance while protecting the environment for our children.

I believe it's about time labor unions realize that environmentally sound means economically sound, which means good jobs, safe environment, and a better quality of life.

Thanks again,

Sincerely yours,

William T. Cagney
President

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