



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Kent Hance, *Chancellor*

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The Honorable Randy Neugebauer  
1424 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Neugebauer:

On behalf of the Texas Tech University System, I respectfully ask for your support of FY2010 funding in the amount of \$4.6M for the Great Plains Wind Power Test Facility at Texas Tech University's Wind Science and Engineering Research Center.

With the only Ph.D. program in wind engineering in the country, the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center is addressing critical matters of importance on the state and federal level. As you know, Texas is the national leader in installed wind capacity and will remain so for the foreseeable future. Federal officials and the Department of Energy have articulated a national goal of having wind power provide up to 20 percent of the nation's installed electricity capacity by 2030, representing an investment of more than one-half trillion dollars.

Building on the significant wind measurement and analysis capabilities at Texas Tech University, FY10 funding will allow the Center to continue to move forward as a national and state resource for the testing, characterization, improvement, and implementation of grid-connected wind turbines, wind resource assessment, and wind-driven water desalination systems.

I am grateful for your assistance and truly appreciate your continued support of Texas Tech and all that you do for the great State of Texas. Please feel free to contact me if I or my staff can assist you in any way.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Hance".

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