## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

January 19, 2012

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

In light of recent reports surrounding its bankruptcy proceeding, we are writing regarding Solyndra's request to pay bonuses of up to \$50,000 to remaining "key" employees.

Attorneys for Solyndra claim that these bonuses are necessary to retain essential employees in conjunction with the ongoing effort to sell the company and its assets. However, Solyndra is not likely to be sold as a turnkey operation and reopened in a similar capacity by a new owner. Because the residual value of Solyndra centers on its real estate and intellectual property holdings, employee retention has little actual bearing on the amount potentially recoverable by Solyndra's creditors, chief among them American taxpayers.

No matter how we arrived at this moment and setting aside political disagreements concerning Solyndra, the simple fact is that American taxpayers should not be footing the bill for bonuses for employees of Solyndra. We respectfully request that you direct your Department of Justice to file an appearance on behalf of American taxpayers in Solyndra's bankruptcy proceeding for the purpose of opposing these bonuses.

Sincerely,

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