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**From:** Dave Congour [ ] \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear

Dear Mr. Plieness:

I own a solar thermal heating company, Colorado Clean Energy Systems, LLC. I believe in developing the only safe source of nuclear energy, that of the Sun. Ultra-reliable, isolated by 93 million miles, and with no nuclear waste issues, the Sun provides more than enough energy to supply all of our energy needs, if we simply commit ourselves to using it.

Most of the arguments against solar come from naysayers who benefit from the status quo, or are ignorant of energy issues. As an engineer, I see harvesting solar energy as simply a technical challenge.

I know that DOE was founded to deal with nuclear energy and weaponry. I also know that it has had a long and hard road changing it from the original cold war mindset.

As a resident of Montrose, Colorado, I am aware of the severe pollution problems that inevitably accompany the process of removing toxic minerals from underground. I believe that the process of mining uranium in western Colorado is primarily in the interest of those who would make money off of the it, and not for the residents of western Colorado.

If we truly want clean and safe energy, along with all of the jobs that such energy systems would create, it's time for DOE to get off of the nuclear bandwagon, and put more talented staff into backing the growing but struggling solar industry.

Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Sincerely,

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