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July 22, 2015  
Barack Obama  
The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Your upcoming visit to Nairobi, Kenya for the sixth annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit represents an important opportunity to highlight the work of clean energy entrepreneurs working in African countries. During your participation in this summit, we urge you to showcase off-grid clean energy companies as examples of successful entrepreneurship. Many of these companies have been supported through your Power Africa program's Beyond-the-Grid sub-initiative.

As you know, 600 million people in sub-Saharan Africa lack access to electricity. Reliable energy access is required for many important development outcomes, including education, health, gender equality, and many business opportunities.

Off-grid clean energy solutions are particularly well-suited to meet the initial needs of many people both because of their ability to reach remote rural areas beyond the reach of the grid and because of the flexible pay-as-you-go options, provided by many off-grid clean energy companies, that make these options more affordable to the customer than the cost of connecting to the grid when it arrives. Since, current investment flows do not prioritize small-scale off-grid decentralized interventions to address energy access, support like that provided through the Beyond-the-Grid sub-initiative is important for making energy available to more people.

Your presence at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit provides an opportunity to showcase the companies supported through this initiative. We hope you will seize this opportunity to highlight entrepreneurship in the off-grid energy sector.

Sincerely,

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