



March 14, 2014

The Honorable Ed Royce  
Chairman  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-0539

Dear Chairman Royce;

Support for the 'Electrify Africa Act of 2014'

I write to offer Bechtel's support of the efforts you have undertaken to the cause of advancing responsible development in Africa. Your leadership in this endeavor is a crucial step towards ensuring strong and coherent American leadership on a fundamental issue of importance – the provision of affordable, reliable electricity to people across Africa.

Bechtel has over 70 years of experience in Africa, and understands the incredible moment of economic and social opportunity now present across many of the African continents' 54 states. We welcome the renewed US government focus on the opportunities opening up across Africa. Bechtel is committed to supporting Africa's progress by building high quality, sustainable and transformational infrastructure across the continent – including integrated road, rail, air, port, power and industrial capacity.

We recognize that facilitating affordable electrical power is among the most important contributions the Government of the United States can make in support of Africa's development. And more effective administrative integration and coordination between US government agencies and departments and American companies should be the framework of foreign assistance interaction, as articulated in this bill.

We see how critical it is to sustain the growing dynamism of African economies – both for the wellbeing of people across Africa, but also for global growth prospects and the interests of the United States – both as a trade partner and as a partner in Africa's development. Mr. Chairman, your continued leadership makes a significant contribution to that goal.

Sincerely,

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