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441 G St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20548

May 28, 2019

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by Ranking Member Joe Manchin, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review domestic efforts to increase the resilience of U.S. energy infrastructure and promising practices used by other countries to determine whether and how those practices could be successfully applied here in the United States.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about four months. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact Ms. Michal Freedhoff to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or [gaffiganm@gao.gov](mailto:gaffiganm@gao.gov), or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9492 or [harrisrr@gao.gov](mailto:harrisrr@gao.gov).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Orice Williams Brown  
Managing Director  
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cc: Ms. Michal Freedhoff

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