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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
US House of Representatives
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Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

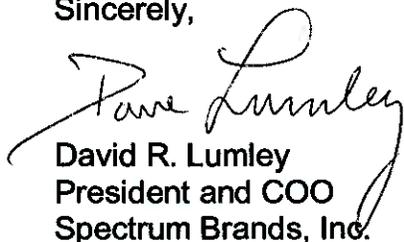
I am pleased to write this letter in support of Authorization Language directed towards the establishment of competitive battery technology programs within the Department of Defense. Spectrum Brands, Inc., a manufacturer of batteries and lighting devices clearly understands the necessity of continual research and development in the pursuit of batteries that provide our soldiers with safer, lighter weight, reliable batteries.

The Rayovac battery group has succeeded in the overall R&D of power sources for several of the Navy's surveillance devices, for improving the Army's most important portable battery, for the Air Force's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and for the military's medical applications. The authorization of these programs will allow the Army and Navy to scale up the development of all of these and other projects and create better, longer lasting, lighter, and more cost-efficient power sources.

Authorizing Language will ensure that the focus of battery research and development continually addresses the core military needs all the while concentrating on the best use of our taxpayer's dollars.

In conclusion, I fully support Authorizing Language that supports battery technology which will in turn provide the Department of Defense with reliable, state of the art, safe and reasonably-priced sources of energy, which are essential for the economic and national security of the United States.

Sincerely,


David R. Lumley
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