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The Honorable Tom Beville
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy &
Water Development
2302 RHOB

The Honorable John T. Myers
Ranking Minority Member
2372 RHOB

Dear Tom and John:

We are writing on behalf of our good friend and colleague,
John Grotberg, who has, as you know, been very ill.

Fermi Laboratory, located in John's district, has been near
and dear to his heart. John asked us to contact you to make sure that
you are aware of the importance of the lab to his district, our state,
and the nation's research and development effort. In particular, we are
very supportive of the President's request in his budget for \$190 million
in 1987 for the Tevatron project. This funding level will allow Fermi
to begin operation of the Tevatron.

As you know, your committee has had the foresight over the
past seven years to invest \$400 million in the development of the Tevatron.
We now have the highest energy accelerator in the world because of your
confidence in the project. If funding was cut below the President's
1987 request, it would make it difficult to bring the Tevatron into
operation. With this project showing such great promise, and having
made a substantial investment up to now, it would be penny-wise and
pound foolish to restrict development of the world's highest energy
source at this point.

We understand that your subcommittee will have to make some
cuts to meet the Budget Resolution -- some hard choices will have to be
made. In making those choices, we hope you will consider the
investment that has already been made in the Tevatron, and how close we
are now to operation of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


