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Barack,
Sorry about the
"skinny legs" comment!
-Arnold

Dear Barack,

I am interested in bringing my experience to the energy czar position within your administration.

As governor of California, I not only passed a state based cap and trade scheme, but also a renewable portfolio standard. Here's what I did: I am now requiring that 33% of all energy consumed in California come from a renewable source of energy. We didn't stop there. I gave away record amounts of taxpayer money for solar, wind, and electric vehicles.

Although these programs are expensive, I was willing to take these risks because I know in my heart that the people of California are willing to sacrifice for our green dream, and I'm willing to bet the American people are too.

Right now, California is the leader in budget shortfalls, corporate tax rates, sales tax and unemployment. In fact, I have set a budget-busting record every year since 2007. In 2011, our budget shortfall is expected to be \$28 billion.

Together, we can take what I have done in California and do the same for America.

I know you're busy trying to increase the cost of energy and make it scarce, but I wanted to thank you for considering me to be your next energy czar. My hope is that I can make your job easier, Mr. President. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin – Superior

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OBJECTIVE

My objective is to work as energy czar and terminate affordable and reliable energy at home and abroad. The Obama Administration has demonstrated leadership and desire to raise the cost of energy and make it more scarce. Given my experience in California, I am confident in my ability to expand the EPA's control over the economy, shut down offshore and onshore drilling, and pass a national cap and trade scheme.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Governor of California

October 2003 to January 2011

- **Raised energy prices:** Passed state cap and trade program intended reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Businesses exited the state in droves.
- **Raised energy prices:** Mandated that 33% of all energy consumption in the state of California come from a renewable energy source. This mandate will increase the cost of electricity; hopefully making us the most expensive state.
- **Raised energy prices:** Passed "Global Warming Solutions Act," which will have infinitesimally small climate impacts but the cost could range from hundreds of millions to billions of dollars.
- **Raised energy prices:** Formed "Climate Action Team" in order to develop innovative strategies to reduce climate change emissions. Our goal is to spread California's economic success to neighboring states and eventually the world.
- **Raised energy prices:** Launched the California Solar Initiative that will install one million solar panels by the year 2020. Luckily, I was able to finance \$2.1 billion for the program for 10 years.

Film and Television

1970 to 2003

- Inspiration for energy policies from working on the set of *Conan the Barbarian*.
- I can talk down to the "little people" and they love me for it; how else do you explain the 1989 Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Award for *Kindergarten Cop*?
- I was in Milton Friedman's *Free to Choose* series, but I forgot all about that "individual freedom" stuff a long time ago.

Awards and Honors

- 2010 - EPA Climate Change Champion and Green Governor of the Year Awards
- Record budget deficits five years running – projected 2011 deficit: **\$25.4 billion**
- Record unemployment rate at 12.5%, was 6.6% when I assumed office in 2003
- Highest sales tax and corporate tax rate in the country
- Did I mention the Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Award?