

January 20, 2009

The Honorable Al Gore
2100 West End Ave., Suite 620
Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Mr. Gore,

Please let me extend my heartfelt congratulations on the important role you played in the election of a new environmentally conscious administration in Washington. Not only the American people but also the people, businesses and governments throughout the world place great hope on the re-energized focus of this country, especially in light of the difficult challenges posed by the global economic slowdown. As the U.S market leader in solar energy, all of us at Sharp are especially encouraged by the new administration's ambitious plans to widely deploy clean energy technologies. And we are confident that you will continue to be one of this country's and the world's most influential voices in the effort to combat global warming.

You are no doubt aware of Sharp's solar manufacturing facility in your home state of Tennessee, where we employ nearly 300 people. We are extremely proud that our Memphis solar plant produced the solar modules on your own home, as well as those on the rooftops of such environmentally progressive companies as FedEx and Google, where we installed the largest commercial solar electricity system in the country. In fact, Sharp began research on photovoltaic technologies in 1959, launched commercial production in 1963, and has now installed more solar power generating capacity around the world than any other manufacturer. In addition, we have expanded to the U.S. our acclaimed Sharp Solar Academy, an environmental education program that empowers schoolchildren with knowledge about climate change, recycling and renewable energy so that they can become tomorrow's environmental leaders.

Today, in all aspects of our business, Sharp Corporation continues to seek ways to reduce our impact on the environment and become an exemplary environmental company. We have already made great strides both in creating products that set new standards for energy efficiency, and in expanding our solar business. Energy-creating solar cells and energy-saving liquid crystal displays are especially effective technologies for coping with the pressing problem of climate change. And as the frontrunner in both Solar and LCDs, Sharp is ideally positioned to become an even more environmentally advanced company.

We believe that this time of new beginnings in this country is an ideal time for Sharp to redouble our efforts towards helping build an advanced environmental society. We would be honored if you would kindly make time in your busy schedule to allow us a visit in the near future. We would welcome the opportunity to sit down with you for a substantive discussion about how business and government can work together to build on the positive momentum you've helped to create, to keep interest and support growing for all types of renewable energy, and to realize your vision – and ours – of building an environmentally friendly society.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Koshima". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of "D" being a large, stylized loop.

Doug Koshima
Chairman and CEO
Sharp Electronics Corporation