

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2503

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His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota  
Brazilian Ambassador to the United States  
3006 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington DC, 20008

Re: Rare Earth Resources – Brazil and U.S. Initiative on Rare Earths

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

A delegation lead by one of my constituents from Missouri, Mr. James Kennedy, President of Wings Enterprises, Inc. will be in Brazil from May 3 through May 7, 2010 and I respectfully request your consideration for arranging a meeting for them with the Brazilian Ministry of Trade and Natural Resources to discuss an important United States and Brazil initiative on Rare Earths. Wings Enterprises is a Missouri-based iron ore and rare earth mining company. Accompanying Mr. Kennedy will be Mr. Daniel D. Rubino, Chief Executive Officer of 787 Capital Group LLC, of which former Governor of New York State, Mario Cuomo, is chairman.

As you are likely aware, China has a global monopoly on the production and refining of rare-earth resources. Mr. Kennedy is working with Members of the United States Congress and the Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, on the development of a "Consortia Rare Earth Refinery" that will provide a competitive alternative and serve all potential rare earth producers in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Kennedy's proposal is to develop a broad-based supply chain of high quality rare earth producers within a single refinery. Consortia members would supply rare earth concentrates and participate in the profitability of the refined products, or be guaranteed a supply of finished goods (elemental oxides or metals).

Brazil, the United States and Canada all have excellent rare earth resources, but none currently have the refining resources necessary to challenge China's dominance. Mr. Kennedy would like to discuss a proposal that would change that. If the economies of the Western Hemisphere want to be competitive and advance in green technologies we must forge an alliance to succeed.

Please consider arranging a meeting for them with the Brazilian Ministry of Trade and Natural Resources to explore further an issue of strategic and economic importance to both of our countries.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond