## FEDERAL HEARINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS PICK-UP SPEED IN ENERGY DEPT. CORRUPTION CASES

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## **FROM POLITICO**

REBUFFED CAR LOAN SEEKER DRIVES DOE TO COURT: D.C. District Court Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson will hear arguments today over a six-year-old dispute related to the Energy Department's auto loan program. Limnia Inc. applied to DOE's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loan program as well as the agency's 1703 loan guarantee operation back in 2009. But was turned down for not meeting the eligibility criteria during the first phase of the ATVM review and amid a dispute over the 1703 application fee. Limnia argues that it's entitled to compel agency documents that might demonstrate the "political cromyism that taints DOE's decision-making" (Note that the infamous Solyndra loan guarantee was doled out under a different DOE program). DOE, of course, denies any political unsavoriness and has pressed the court to have Limnia's application sent back to its loan office for another look — a "voluntary remand." The case, XP Vehicles et al v. DOE, is being heard at 10:45 a.m. in the E. Barrett Prettyman Courthouse.