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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
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The Honorable Richard Neal  
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The Honorable Charles Grassley  
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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Schumer, Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Brady, Chairman Grassley, and Ranking Member Wyden:

On behalf of our millions of members, supporters, employees, and customers, we write to ask that you include support for clean energy and clean transportation in must-pass legislation before the end of this year. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the clean energy sector was projected to add 175,000 jobs in 2020, but heading into the new year, roughly 450,000 clean energy workers – 13% of the sector’s pre-COVID workforce – are still out of work. This is being felt all over the country, with 42 states suffering from double-digit job losses in the clean energy sector relative to pre-COVID levels. These are good jobs that paid 25% more than the national median wage in 2019. In addition to reviving jobs, support for clean energy improves the overall health of the economy as it leverages private capital and saves consumers money in difficult times. It is also vital to America’s global competitiveness and energy independence.

Congress can play a critical role to help accelerate our economic recovery, put people back to work, and lay the foundation for a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous future. We continue to experience a rise in extreme weather disasters, with scientists around the world sounding the alarm that we are almost out of time to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change. Environmental justice communities have borne disproportionate public health impacts from a legacy of fossil fuel-dependent

electricity production, which can be alleviated in part by accelerating clean energy deployment. At a time when the clean energy sector is struggling to rebound, strong and effective federal support is more important than ever. Unfortunately, many of the current federal incentives are outdated, phasing down, or have already expired.

We ask that you extend tax incentives for wind and solar and modernize the tax incentives for commercial and residential energy efficiency improvements. We ask that you make the production tax credit and investment tax credit available at full value for offshore wind, and make energy storage systems and high voltage transmission eligible for these tax incentives as stand-alone technologies. We also ask that you extend the tax credit for alternative fuel infrastructure (30C) and revive the tax credit for domestic clean energy manufacturing (48C). Lastly, we ask that you extend and modify the EV tax credit to ensure broad consumer accessibility. Given the continued uncertainty around tax equity, and to maximize utilization by the broadest range of stakeholders, it is very important that these tax incentives be made “refundable” or include a direct pay option.

Clean energy has a significant role to play in building and securing our future prosperity and leading our nation’s economic recovery. Federal clean energy tax incentives save consumers money in every state and create good paying jobs. These incentives, along with others that bring the benefits of clean energy to historically marginalized communities, and promote workforce development, strong labor standards and domestic manufacturing, can help ensure American leadership in clean energy technologies, revitalize our manufacturing centers and create good jobs in every community. America needs a strong recovery; we cannot afford to leave any jobs on the table. We must accelerate clean energy deployment to boost our economy, improve public health, and protect our climate. We also need clean energy investments to maintain our global competitiveness and advance our energy independence. Please include support for clean energy and clean transportation in must-pass legislation this Congress.

Sincerely,

Advanced Energy Economy

Alliance to Save Energy

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

American Council on Renewable Energy

American Wind Energy Association

Business Network for Offshore Wind

Chesapeake Climate Action Network

Citizens Climate Lobby

E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs)

Earth Justice

Energy Storage Association

Environment America  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Environmental Working Group  
EV Drive Coalition  
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Fresh Energy  
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Interfaith Power & Light  
Interwest Energy Alliance  
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Maryknoll Sisters Eastern Region USA  
Moms Clean Air Force  
National Association of State Energy Officials  
National Audubon Society  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Northeast Clean Energy Council  
Public Citizen  
Sierra Club  
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Justice Team  
Solar Energy Industries Association  
Solar United Neighbors  
Sunrise Movement  
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The Evangelical Environmental Network  
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