Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Republican Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

As we advance legislation to rebuild and renew America's infrastructure, we encourage you to continue your commitment to combating the climate crisis by including critical clean energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation tax incentives in the upcoming infrastructure package. These incentives will play a critical role in America's economic recovery, alleviate some of the pollution impacts that have been borne by disadvantaged communities, and help the country build back better and cleaner.

The clean energy sector was projected to add 175,000 jobs in 2020 but the COVID-19 pandemic upended the industry and roughly 300,000 clean energy workers were still out of work in the beginning of 2021. Clean energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation tax incentives are an important part of bringing these workers back. It is critical that these policies support strong labor standards and domestic manufacturing.

The importance of clean energy tax policy is made even more apparent and urgent with record-high temperatures in the Pacific Northwest, unprecedented drought across the West, and the impacts of tropical storms felt up and down the East Coast. We ask that the infrastructure package prioritize inclusion of a stable, predictable, and long-term tax platform that:

- Provides long-term extensions and expansions to the Production Tax Credit and Investment Tax Credit to meet President Biden's goal of a carbon pollution-free power sector by 2035;
- Extends and modernizes tax incentives for commercial and residential energy efficiency improvements and residential electrification;
- Extends and modifies incentives for clean transportation options and alternative fuel infrastructure; and
- Supports domestic clean energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation manufacturing.

Finally, given continued and projected tax equity constraints, and to maximize utilization by the broadest range of stakeholders, it is important that a direct pay option be available where there are project financing challenges.

¹ https://e2.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/E2-2021-Clean-Jobs-America-Report-04-19-2021.pdf

We look forward to working with you to include a stable, predictable, and long-term clean energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation tax platform in the infrastructure package this year.

Sincerely,

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