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Dear Members of the United States Congress:

As the entrepreneurs, investors, business owners, and workers who are building the American clean energy economy, we know first hand that manufacturing and deploying clean energy means creating good-paying jobs and new economic growth. As proud leaders in the industry that employs three million Americans -- and counting -- we see that every day. But the benefits don't stop there. The rapid deployment of clean energy is essential to tackling the climate crisis -- and electricity from clean energy is now the most affordable way to keep the lights on in the country.

Amid economic uncertainty and unprecedented extreme weather disasters, this is the precise time to scale up support for this essential and growing part of our economy. That is why we urge Congress to seize a once-in-a-generation opportunity to build on this strong foundation by supporting big, bold, and ambitious investments in the clean energy economy now.

There is no time to waste. By going big on clean energy, Congress can help create millions of new clean energy jobs that support families and communities while helping tackle the climate crisis and lower energy prices. Businesses like those we are a part of are poised to hire even more people and expand our operations if strong clean energy and sustainability investments are passed into law.

Already, clean energy is the biggest job creator across America's energy sector, employing nearly three times as many workers as work in fossil fuel extraction and generation. Jobs in clean energy are among the fastest growing in the country, and median wages for clean energy jobs are significantly higher than the national average. Recent analysis indicates that about 1.8 million new American jobs would be created if pending renewable energy projects were financed.

These huge opportunities are why there is broad, bipartisan support across the country and across the aisle for developing and deploying more clean energy. A majority of the public in every state and 98 percent of Congressional districts backs the Biden administration's goals to rapidly scale up our clean energy economy and large majorities of Republicans and Democrats want to see more clean energy deployed. Clean energy is a winning issue for American workers, our economy, our climate, and for those elected leaders who support it.

Each signature on this letter represents a success story told because of the clean energy economy. There are millions more like us across the country, and Congress now has the opportunity to make historic investments to bring the benefits of our industry to even more communities across America. You can play a pivotal role in building on this exciting progress by passing ambitious clean energy investments to tackle the climate crisis, create new jobs, and support inclusive, equitable economic growth. This is an opportunity our economy, our communities, and our nation cannot afford to miss.

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