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Dear Members of the California Congressional Delegation:

We are writing to you to ask that you support passage of the Build Back Better Act with strong clean energy investments included.

As entrepreneurs, investors, business owners, workers, and business energy users supporting and building the clean energy economy in our state, we know from experience that clean energy means jobs and economic growth for Californians.

More than 103,300 people in California worked in the clean energy industry as of May 2021. Investments in clean energy have brought \$331 million to California. Enough clean energy is already on line in California to power 7.9 million homes and businesses.

Nationally, clean energy is already 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.

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. Businesses like ours are poised to hire even more people and expand our operations if strong clean energy and sustainability investments are passed into law.

There is broad, bipartisan support across the state and across the aisle for developing and deploying more clean energy.

Polling shows that a majority (73%) of Californians support policies that move our state and our nation toward a clean energy economy. Clean energy is a winning issue for California's workers, our economy, our climate, and for those elected leaders who support it.

Each signature on this letter represents a success story achieved because of the clean energy economy. There are thousands more like us across California, and Congress now has the opportunity to make historic investments to bring the benefits of our industry to even more communities.

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.

Passing a pro-clean energy Build Back Better Act is an opportunity our economy, our communities, and our nation cannot afford to miss.

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