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Dear Members of Washington Congressional Delegation:

As leaders from Washington State's clean energy sector representing biofuels, solar and wind energy, and the environmental and labor community, we are writing to express our strong support for the passage of the reconciliation and bipartisan infrastructure bills that will rebuild our infrastructure, combat climate change and generate millions of new jobs to transition the U.S. to a clean energy economy.

This past summer, we saw record temperatures that led to overheated marine environments that killed fish and oysters and out of control wildfires which destroyed communities, threatened thousands of homes, and negatively impacted air quality and public health with smoke that reached as far as New York. Climate change and its impacts have arrived. We can wait no longer for action.

Combined, these two bills will put the U.S on the path to meet President Biden's commitment to climate change goals of 80 percent clean electricity and 50 percent economy-wide carbon emission reduction by 2030, all while delivering 40 percent of the benefits from these climate investments to disadvantaged communities.

In the reconciliation bill and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, there are many important policies that will help us achieve our goals. But there are two in particular, the Clean Electricity Payment Program and the clean energy and vehicle tax package, that represent 42% of the total emissions reductions delivered in the proposed legislation. Critical policies like a methane polluter fee, agriculture conservation, and clean energy technology financing, among others, help us meet our national targets.

Currently, Washington State has more than 83,000 clean energy jobs with workers in every Congressional district in the state. Our state could see significant job growth as it is estimated that a million new clean-energy sector jobs would result from investments outlined in the bills. These bills would make a huge \$X investment in fighting climate change, growing our green energy businesses and addressing climate justice.

The combined bills also make important investments in our people by creating good paying jobs, educational opportunities for our kids by lowering costs to higher education, supporting working parents through increased child care and early learning, and investing in future

technology so Washington can lead the clean energy economy. These bills will mean a future our kids and grandchildren deserve.

Please vote yes on the reconciliation bill and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act at the proposed spending level endorsed by President Biden, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Sincerely,

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