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SEMA Coalition Encouraged by the Biden Administration’s Update of Section 301 Tariffs to Support Solar Manufacturing

U.S. solar manufacturers continue push for strong trade policy that levels the playing field for U.S. solar manufacturers

Washington, DC – Today, following the Biden Administration’s announced updates to the Section 301 Tariffs, **Mike Carr, Executive Director of the Solar Energy Manufacturers for America (SEMA) Coalition**, released the following statement:

“While we are still digging into the details, we’re glad to see the Biden administration take a step to strategically re-align 301 tariffs to help onshore U.S. solar manufacturing and support solar manufacturing workers. As America works to build out manufacturing in key clean energy supply chains to reduce the country’s reliance on China’s supply chains, we need to use every tool at our disposal to boost the U.S. solar manufacturing industry.

The Administration made the right decision to strengthen protections for solar components we seek to build in the U.S. While no one action can unwind the years of a concerted effort to dominate this industry, including in manufacturing equipment and heavily subsidized production by Chinese-headquartered firms in Southeast Asia, we are encouraged by this indication of the Biden administration’s commitment to use all the tools at their disposal in a targeted and strategic way. We are hopeful that next steps will shortly follow, including fixing the Inflation Reduction Act’s domestic content rules and trade enforcement, to level the playing field and ensure American solar workers have a real chance at fair competition.”

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About the SEMA Coalition: The SEMA Coalition is a group of solar manufacturers united to rebuild the solar supply chain in the United States. Following the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the coalition looks to capitalize on this unique opportunity to implement a suite of policies to rebuild a



competitive, environmentally friendly, and socially-responsible U.S. solar supply chain. Together, the manufacturers within this coalition represent more than 6,100 workers in the United States. SEMA members include 3SUN USA, Caelux, Corning, CubicPV, First Solar, Heliene, Hemlock Semiconductor, Meyer Burger, Qcells, REC, REC Silicon, Silfab Solar, Suniva, Swift Solar and Wacker.

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