



June 22, 2010

President Barack Obama
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Dear President Obama and Majority Leader Reid:

We strongly support your commitment to pass legislation this summer to promote energy independence, stimulate jobs, and reduce carbon by promoting clean energy. Our broad coalition of manufacturers, renewable energy, and energy efficiency industries stands ready to help advance your efforts to create a sustainable and innovative energy plan for our country in the 21st Century. Recognizing the numerous policy priorities facing Congress this summer, we agree that it is critical that energy legislation be taken up in the Senate upon its return on July 12.

As you consider incentives, climate, and energy policy proposals for achieving these goals, we recommend, at a minimum, the following fundamental elements that will be critical to any successful package:

- **Robust and predictable tax and other financial incentives for projects and manufacturing, including extension of the Treasury Grant Program.**
- **Energy efficiency codes and standards including an energy efficiency resource standard (EERS)**
- **Strong Renewable Electricity Standard (RES)**
- **Renewable energy infrastructure provisions**

Provisions to advance these policies have historically won bipartisan support and could provide the political foundation necessary for successful passage of energy legislation by Congress this summer. They are critical to addressing our near term employment challenges, as well as our long term environmental and energy security goals. Hundreds of thousands of jobs will be created in the next few years. Promoting development of these critical sectors of our economy will decrease our reliance on foreign oil and drive global reduction of carbon emissions.

Your leadership has encouraged us to join forces in support of legislation to promote energy independence, create jobs, and reduce pollution. We are ready and willing to assist you in advancing real solutions to these urgent policy challenges through passage of legislation by Congress this summer.

Sincerely,

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