



June 14, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the U.S. clean energy industry, we commend your continuing leadership on climate and infrastructure matters. The American Clean Power Association represents over 1,000 energy companies in the wind, solar, storage, and transmission sectors. The American clean energy sector employs hundreds of thousands of American workers in high-paying, skilled jobs and union labor continues to benefit from and play an important role in the industry's growth.

As a major American employment engine, the clean energy industry is a critical part of not only our energy future, but our economic future. Energy is the infrastructure that powers that future, and to be frank, America's energy infrastructure is in dire need of an upgrade. Making those investments now is critical to writing a successful infrastructure story.

These investments also create jobs where they are needed most. Clean energy projects generate electricity from sites across rural America delivering meaningful economic benefits to rural communities. Consumed in rural and urban areas, clean power delivers low-cost electricity to American consumers in all 50 states.

As the congressional debate continues over the importance of infrastructure investment to our post-COVID economic recovery, clean energy infrastructure, and its accompanying economic and climate benefits, must be a part of those discussions. As you outlined in your American Jobs Plan, long-term extensions of the renewable energy production tax and investment tax credits with accompanying direct pay provisions for those credits, will drive hundreds of gigawatts of clean energy deployment and support a robust American manufacturing base and workforce.

Importantly, to drive the continued growth of domestic clean energy manufacturing, a clean energy standard is also imperative. Crafted appropriately, a clean energy standard sends clear market signals to domestic manufacturers providing the certainty in annual clean energy deployment to make facility investments possible, practical, and profitable.



As the infrastructure and energy debate progresses, the American Clean Power Association and its members are ready to constructively engage with your administration and the Congress to advance critical infrastructure measures that include our shared clean energy goals. Failing to include clean energy provisions in these proposals will have detrimental impacts not only our climate, but also on the American workforce supporting this important industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Zichal".

Heather Zichal
Chief Executive Officer