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Lesley C. Ziman
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Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources
U.S. Department of State
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Dear Ms. Ziman:

I am writing to convey the Business Council for Sustainable Energy's (BCSE) support for the specific appropriations to renewable energy and adaptation accounts that were made in the FY2019 State and Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPs) Appropriations Bill.

The continued financial support of these programs will help to ensure that American companies remain competitive in the global marketplace for clean energy technology solutions and services. These energy and climate-related programs address policy and market issues that enable the deployment of a full suite of clean energy generation tools, including energy infrastructure modernization, energy efficiency and renewable energy. U.S. companies are well-positioned in terms of providing both high-quality technology and technical expertise that are transforming the energy economy at home and overseas. The continued investment by the U.S. government further supports this position and enhances the ability of American firms to do business abroad.

BCSE is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power utilities, project developers, commercial end users and service providers. Founded in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. These industries together support over 3 million jobs spread across every state and congressional district in the United States and are united around the revitalization of the economy and the creation of a secure and reliable energy future in America.

We support the implementation of these clean energy and climate-related programs by the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development, as it plays an important role to reinforce the position of U.S. businesses in overseas markets.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson
President

cc:

Mr. Francis Fannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. Department of State
Ambassador Marcia Bernicat, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs