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## **Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill is a Historic First Step Towards Securing a Resilient Clean Energy Economy**

*BCSE & CEBN applaud Congress for passing major legislation to bolster clean energy and energy efficiency across the country*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – BCSE President Lisa Jacobson and CEBN President Lynn Abramson released the joint statement below following the House passing a procedural vote to consider the Build Back Better Act and passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The IIJA includes \$80 billion in investments in power and grid infrastructure, energy efficiency, and advanced transportation.

BCSE President Lisa Jacobson commented, “The bipartisan infrastructure package will lay the foundation for a 21<sup>st</sup> century clean energy economy for years to come. We applaud Congress for these investments in the grid, efficiency, and transportation among others. This bill will not only support resilient infrastructure that powers our communities and moves our families but will also boost clean energy jobs across the country and help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

“BCSE also recognizes the progress legislators made today on the Build Back Better Act to open up debate on this legislation. We will continue to engage Members of Congress in both chambers as this legislation undergoes refinements and moves forward.”

CEBN President Lynn Abramson added, “As the small business voice for the clean energy economy, the Clean Energy Business Network applauds passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill. This legislation will help drive down the cost of clean energy for businesses and consumers across the U.S. protect homes and businesses from extreme weather, and ensure U.S. leadership across crucial supply chains.”

BCSE and CEBN look forward to continuing to work with lawmakers as the Build Back Better Act progresses and evolves in both chambers to ensure this legislation generates well-paid jobs across the country, and creates a stronger, healthier, and more resilient future for our nation.

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The **Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)** is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes investor-owned utilities, public power, independent power producers, project developers, equipment manufacturers, and environmental and energy market service providers. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services.

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