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Business Views on Raising Ambition at COP 26 and Investing in Climate Solutions

Glasgow, Scotland – At the midpoint of COP 26, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) hosted a press conference on “Business Views on Raising Ambition and Investing in Climate Solutions,” to offer the clean energy sector’s perspective on the progress at COP 26 and the urgency of translating momentum into implementation and deployment.

Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy

“We are energized by the U.S. House of Representatives passage the bipartisan infrastructure bill last night and encourage Members of Congress in both chambers to move forward the Build Back Better legislation swiftly to a similar completion. Investing in our infrastructure is critical for the modernization and advancement of a clean energy economy that will meet the challenges of the 21st century including climate change.

“To echo the dominant theme here at COP 26 – there is no time to waste – and we have a readily-available, affordable and broad portfolio of clean energy and energy efficiency solutions that can deliver greenhouse gas emissions reductions now and strengthen the resilience of our communities against the impact of climate change.

“At COP 26, we want countries to know that they can raise their climate ambition because we have technologies to help them achieve that ambition. The BCSE also calls on countries to complete the negotiations on Article 6, so that emissions trading, a cost-effective tool for achieving our climate ambitions, can be deployed globally and with environmental integrity.”

Brian Wolff, Executive Vice President, Public Policy and External Affairs, Edison Electric Institute

“The power sector is poised to continue to lead carbon reductions globally and accelerate the clean energy transition. EEI commends Congress on passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill, and we need to move quickly to pass the Build Back Better legislation. There is no time to waste and we need these policies now to accelerate to a net zero economy.”
Tanya Peacock, Senior Director, Government Affairs and Policy, Bloom Energy

“The essential role of reliable, resilient and affordable energy has never been more evident – it has played an essential role as the world adapted to the disruption of COVID-19 and its importance has only been further underscored by the fallout from recent extreme weather events and wildfires across the globe.”

Nanette Lockwood, Senior Director, Climate Policy and Advocacy, Trane Technologies

“Trane Technologies’ commitment to decarbonizing buildings and refrigerated transport has resulted in significant product and system-level innovation around energy efficiency, electrification, digitalization, and low GWP refrigerants.”

For more information:
Watch the press conference on demand here.

Find out more about the BCSE’s delegation and events here: bcse.org/cop26.

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For more information on the Council, please visit www.bcse.org. For the latest industry data, download the Sustainable Energy in America Factbook.