

April 30, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations and
Subcommittee on Defense
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jon Tester, Chair
Subcommittee on Defense
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Leahy and Tester and Ranking Member Shelby:

On behalf of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) I am writing to request that Congress include a \$20 million Defense Resilience and Cybersecurity Pilot Program as part of the FY2022 Defense Appropriations Bill.

The BCSE is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, energy storage, natural gas, renewable energy, sustainable transportation and emerging decarbonization technology sectors. It includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public utilities, equipment manufacturers, commercial end users and service providers in energy and environmental markets. Founded in 1992, the coalition's diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of the U.S. economy and the creation of a clean, secure and reliable energy future in America.

The BCSE is pleased to have an independent small- and medium-size businesses initiative under its banner, the Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN). Together, the BCSE and CEBN represent a broad range of the clean energy economy, from Fortune 100 companies to small businesses working in all 50 states and over 350 Congressional districts. On a national basis, these industries support over 3 million U.S. jobs.

A broad portfolio of clean energy, including demand-side energy efficiency and CHP, hydropower, geothermal energy, wind, solar, energy storage, microgrids, carbon management and utilization, hydrogen, critical minerals, and sustainable transportation should be central to infrastructure improvement, with a focus on resilience and improved public health and safety. BCSE has worked with state energy offices, state emergency managers, and others, to advocate for and to improve resilience in communities across the U.S. Examples of resilience projects can be found [here](#).

As mission critical resilience and cyber security have become higher priorities for the Department of Defense, the Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) used to finance them are becoming bigger and more complex. One of the benefits of using an ESPC to deliver these newer priorities is that they can often be paid for out of the guaranteed energy savings in a performance contract,



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which is more desirable than allocating limited appropriated funds. Sometimes, however, all the necessary resilience and/or cyber security a facility seeks cannot be absorbed by energy savings. In order to address these additional priorities, an ESPC would require some additional funds. The funds from the Defense Resilience and Cybersecurity Pilot Program would be used to provide the incremental funding for resilience in ESPCs and Utility Energy Service Contracts (UESCs)

The Council welcomes the opportunity to further discuss the Defense Resilience and Cybersecurity pilot Program as well as our work on resilience, and we look forward to working with you throughout the FY2022 budget cycle. Please feel free to reach out to Ruth McCormick at <mailto:rmccormick@bcse.org> with any questions or to arrange a time to meet.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson, President
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